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This annotated bibliography contains descriptions of instructional and supplemental reading materials that are recommended for English-speaking adults reading at the seventh grade level or below. Covered in the first section are instructional materials dealing with the following topics: reading and writing; mathematics; science; homemaking and consumerism; health, safety, and well-being; jobs; life in the United States; and other times and places. Descriptions are also provided of leisure reading selections on a variety of topics, including stories of today; mystery, adventure, and romance; science fiction, the supernatural, and the unexplained; hobbies, sports, and entertainment; famous people and fantastic facts; and poetry, plays, and periodicals. Also mentioned are selections for use by reading tutors. Addresses of publishers, comments on series and a series index, and a title index are included. Appended to the bibliography are lists of recommended collections and suggested readings. (MN)

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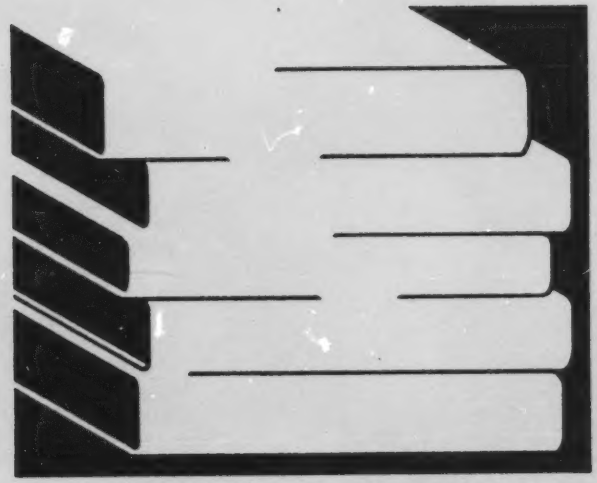

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PREFACE

Books for Adult New Readers is the result of an effort directed by Project: LEARN, a literacy project sponsored by the Greater Cleveland Interchurch Council and affiliated with Laubach Literacy Action (formerly the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance). In 1978 and 1979 two organizations joined Project: LEARN in determining that there was a scarcity of adult interest/low reading level books available in adult circulating collections in Cleveland area public Libraries. (These organizations were the Cleveland Area Metropolitan Library System, a multi-type library consortium, and Merrick Settlement House, a community organization committed to adult basic education.) A proposal was written to create a sample collection and annotated bibliography of appropriate materials recommended for public library purchase. The Library Services Project was then funded by the George Gund Foundation of Cleveland for the eighteen-month period from October 1, 1979 to April 1, 1981. Since that time, work has been carried on within the operating budget of Project: LEARN.

Copies of Books for Adult New Readers (August 1982) are available for $5.00 per copy to cover the cost of printing, assembling, handling, and postage. Orders should be sent to Project: LEARN, 2238 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44118.

Criticisms of titles in the bibliography, suggestions of titles for possible inclusion in a revised edition, and any other comments from users of this bibliography will be greatly appreciated.

The sample collection of materials recommended in Books for Adult New Readers is housed at Project: LEARN and is open to visitors.

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INTRODUCTION

Books for Adult New Readers is an annotated bibliography of recommended print materials for English-speaking adults (18 years of age and over) reading at the seventh grade level or below. (60 percent of the titles are at fifth grade level or below.) The titles were selected for their broad appeal to the "average" adult new reader. Although some of the recommended titles are useful for adult learners with special needs (such as deaf learners, foreign speaking adults, or developmentally disabled adults) materials specifically designed to meet such particular needs were not given priority for inclusion in this bibliography. All recommended titles were in print as of August 1982.

Some of the criteria used for selection were:

1. A reading level of no higher than seventh grade, using the Gunning Fog Readability Index,[1] which is based on sentence length and number of multi-syllabic words in a sample. (A few exceptions were made to allow the inclusion of some titles of special value that are slightly above the seventh grade level.) For the leisure reading sections, a special effort was made to concentrate on materials written at the fifth grade level and below.

2. Short paragraphs, short chapters, and book length that is not intimidating.

3. Uncrowded pages with plenty of white space.

4. Illustrations, cover, and format appealing to adults.

5. Print large enough and clear enough to be read easily but not so large as to resemble that used in pre-primers.

6. Formats suitable for public library circulating, collections. (Because answers need not actually be written into them, workbooks were not excluded, but such items as crossword puzzle books, cut-and-paste books, and kits with many complicated pieces were not considered. Titles available only in multi-copy packages were also not considered.)

7. Adult characters and situations in which adults might find themselves. Also information particularly useful in an adult's everyday life. (Most books with young adults as the main characters or involving school or teenage problems and activities were excluded from consideration.)

8. Materials able to be used by the adult new reader independently or with a minimum of tutor assistance.

9. Unstereotyped characters and a positive, unbiased point of view.

10. Information pertinent to Cleveland and Ohio.

11. In fiction and non-fiction narrative: an uncomplicated plot with few subplots or digressions. A chronological presentation. A small cast of well-defined characters. Action. Conversation. A minimum of description.

12. In workbooks and other instructional materials: Concrete topics of interest or importance to adult new readers. Presentations which emphasize use or application of skills rather than terminology or "background." Clear explanations. Repetition of important information to aid in retention. Numerous examples. Plenty of opportunity to practice. Check-ups. A minimum of games, jokes, or "tricks." Answers in the book or accompanying easy-to-use answer keys.

13. Reasonable price.

In the selection of non-fiction, special consideration was given to materials in five subject areas identified by the Adult Performance Level Project (APL)[2] as ones in which it is necessary for adults to be knowledgeable in order to function effectively:

Consumer economics
Occupational knowledge
Community resources
Health
Government and Law

Close attention was also paid to materials that teach the four basic skills identified by APL:

Communications skills (including reading and writing)
Computation skills
Problem-solving skills
Skills in interpersonal relationships

When examining materials in the above APL subject areas and skill areas, we sought titles that emphasized the teaching of basic skills and imparting of general information rather than those which provided instruction in the minute details of various coping skills. Our aim has been to find well-designed and readable books which will help an adult become functionally literate so that he/she can search for and interpret whatever more specific information is needed or desired.

In addition, we feel that public libraries can play a key role in strengthening an adult new reader's interest and skills by making available an abundance of reading for enjoyment written at accessible levels. Thus, an effort was also made to find appropriate books for leisure reading.

In order to avoid duplication and maintain a balanced collection of materials which complement one another, each title was examined in light of all the other titles being considered.

Entries for materials recommended in this bibliography are arranged a alphabetically by title within the following broad subject categories:

SKILLS

READING AND WRITING
Includes spelling, grammar, and practical applications of skills.

MATHEMATICS
Includes measurement, time, counting money, and accounting.

KNOWLEDGE

SCIENCE
Includes animals and the human body, but not health and medical care.

HOMEMAKING AND CONSUMERISM
Includes nutrition, cooking, budgeting, housing, and cars and driving.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING
Includes mental health, child-raising, and interpersonal relationships.

JOBS
Includes job applications, interviews, and getting along on the job.

LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES
Includes history, government and law, social issues, and community services.

OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES
Includes world geography and Bible stories.

LEISURE READING

STORIES OF TODAY

MYSTERY, ADVENTURE, AND ROMANCE

SCIENCE FICTION, THE SUPERNATURAL, AND THE UNEXPLAINED

HOBBIES, SPORTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

FANTASTIC FACTS AND FAMOUS PEOPLE
Includes biographies not under "Hobbies, Sports, and Entertainment."

POETRY, PLAYS, PICTURES, AND PERIODICALS

FOR THE TUTOR

Materials to aid in the teaching of reading to adults.

A key to understanding the individual title entries is on the following page.

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1. For a thorough explanation of the use of the Gunning Fog Index, see Robert S. Laubach and Kay Koschnick, Using Readability: Formulas for Easy Adult Materials (Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1977), pp. 12-25.

2. For summary of the Adult Performance Level Project, conducted by the University of Texas at Austin with a grant from the Office of Education, see Norvel Northcutt, et. al., Adult Functional Competency: A Summary (Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin, 1975).

KEY TO THE TITLE ENTRIES

PLANNING AHEAD.[1]

Megan MacRae.[2] Patrick Press,[3] rev. ed.,[4] 1978.[5] 29 pp.[6] $2.50.[7] 0-12345-678-9.[8]

Series:[9] Money Matters.

Components:[10] Teacher's guide (-679-7)[8] $.50.

When their first baby arrives, Jean and Michael learn to make adjustments in their budget and to think about future expenses. The story line holds interest, and the information on financial planning for the young family is solid. Questions after each chapter; answers in the back.[11] 4[12]

1. Title. Occasionally a series is used as the entry if titles in the series are more advantageously considered as a whole.
2. Author.
3. Publisher, shortened. See "Addresses of Publishers" (p. 131) for complete information.
4. Edition.
5. Date of publication or copyright.
6. Last numbered page of book.
7. List price. Obtained from the most recent publisher's catalog received; this information is for comparison only. Current sources should be consulted for up-to-date prices.
8. ISBN, full or abbreviated, when it could be determined from publication, publisher's catalog, or BIP.
9. Series, if not used as a title entry. See "Series Comments" (p. 134) for important additional information.
10. Print components of possible interest to public libraries, i.e., workbooks, teacher's guide, answer keys. A component is essential only if it contains, or is, an answer key.
11. Comments.
12. Reading level, as determined by the Gunning Fog Index, rounded off to the nearest grade level. (The numeral "3" indicates third grade reading level and below.)

READING AND WRITING

ADULT READING: COMPREHENSION. Levels A - F.

Violet M. Malone, et al. Scott, Foresman, 1981-82. 64 pp. ea. $42.77/set, $1.98 ea. 0-673-24149-1/set.

Components: Instructor's guide (-24125-4) $1.95; instructor's guide, military edition (-24127-0) $1.95; instructor's guide, corrections edition (-24126-2) $1.95.

A program of reading selections and questions, in 24 paperback booklets, for the development of reading comprehension. The booklets are in four subject groupings - Coping, Cultures, Messages, and People - and progress in reading difficulty within each grouping. Books at the same reading level cover the same skills. The readings are interesting and the exercises pertinent. The format and layout of the books is adult, with the possible exception of the overlarge type in Level A books. Answers are in the back of each booklet. Since the booklets may be purchased separately and each is self-contained, the program is highly flexible and can be adapted in a number of ways to a library's clientele and budget. 4-7

ALL ABOUT THE DICTIONARY.

Allen W. Riese and Herbert J. LaSalle. Amsco, 1976. 98 pp. $5.00. 0-87720-330-X.

A compact and thorough introduction to dictionary skills which assumes little prior knowledge of the subject and can be used with any dictionary. There are several references to a teacher, but this guide can be used with a minimum of assistance and is not juvenile in its approach. 6

APPLYING READING SKILLS.

Sam V. Dauzat and Jo Ann Dauzat. Steck-Vaughn, 1980. 112 pp. ea. $2.25 ea.

A three-book series combining reading selections of various topics and formats with brief exercises on comprehension, making inferences, drawing conclusions, and relating the readings to one's own experiences and thoughts. A good set of books for the reading level and price. Titles are: Can You Top This? (0-8114-0826-4), Devilrow (-0827-2), and Night Crossing (-0828-0). Illustrated with line drawings and photos. Answers are in the books. 4

BASIC EDUCATION: READING
Books One and Two.

R. Lee Henney. Follett, 1977. 127, 199 pp. $3.54 ea. Bk 1 (0-695-22160-4), Bk 2 (-22162-0).

Components: Teacher's manual for each book, $6.93 ea.: Bk 1 (-22161-2), Bk 2 (-22163-9).

Two volumes, the first for students reading at fifth grade level or slightly below and the second for students reading above fifth grade level, designed to teach adults to read, write, and spell a functional vocabulary. The first lessons emphasize phonics, teaching one-syllable words by related word families. The remaining lessons teach sight words by means of stories and exercises. The reading selections progress in difficulty from 2nd through 8th grade level. The books can be used independently of one another and - after the first twenty lessons - with a minimum of tutor assistance. A good supplement to a program of reading instruction or a good refresher for the adult with rusty reading skills. The instructor's manuals are overpriced for the information they contain, but they do have the answers to the exercises, which a student working alone would need. 3-7

BASIC READING SKILLS.

Aliyah Abdul-Karim. McGraw-Hill, 1979. 158 pp. $3.71. 0-07-000418-8.

Series: Pre-GED Basic Skills.

Independent preparation for the final level of study leading toward the High School Equivalency Examination. Includes detailed explanations, numerous exercises, and pre- and post-tests as well as an "Answers and Analysis" section. 7+

BASIC WRITING SKILLS.

Roger B. Goodman and William Ince. McGraw-Hill, 1979. 190 pp. $3.71. 0-07-023741-7.

Series: Pre-GED Basic Skills.

Designed to prepare students for study for the new GED test, this book covers spelling, capitalization, punctuation, grammar and usage, sentence structure, diction and style, logic and organization, and vocabulary. Each section contains a pre-test, and a comprehensive post-test summarizes the book. All answers and the explanations for them are given. 7

BE INFORMED ON NEWS MEDIA.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1976. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-408-5.

Series: Be Informed.

A brief look at newspapers, television, and radio as sources of information, including a section on advertising and sponsors. Exercises and answers are included. 7

BE INFORMED ON USING THE LIBRARY.

Muriel Ringstad. New Readers Press, 1971. 41 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-415-8.

Series: Be Informed.

An introduction to public libraries and their services, as well as brief explanations of the card catalog, Dewey Decimal System, periodicals, and reference books. Includes exercises and answers. 6

A BETTER READING WORKSHOP, BOOK 1: READING FOR SPEED AND ACCURACY.

Robert R. Potter. Globe, 1978. 60 pp. $1.70. 0-87065-289-3.

Components: Teaching guide for series (with answers) free on request.

In short, clearly written lessons this work-text examines the skill of "skimming" such things as classified ads, building directories, and indexes and reading passages for key words and phrases. An interesting booklet at a low reading level but on a skill only within the grasp of a fairly advanced student. Attractive format; illustrated with photos. 4

A BETTER READING WORKSHOP, BOOK 2: READING WITH CARE.

Robert R. Potter. Globe, 1978. 60 pp. $1.70. 0-87065-290-7.

Components: Teaching guide for series (with answers) free on request.

Identifying topics and main ideas, finding details, locating key sentences, and making outlines are some of the special skills covered in this readable and appealing workbook for the adult learner ready to refine his reading abilities. 4

A BETTER READING WORKSHOP, BOOK 3: MAKING INFERENCES.

Robert R. Potter. Globe, 1978. 60 pp. $1.70. 0-87065-291-5.

Components: Teaching guide for series (with answers) free on request.

Exercises in distinguishing fact from opinion, logical thinking, making predictions or assumptions from word clues, figures of speech, and careful observation. Fun, and a little tricky, for the learner whose skills are above the beginning level. Some answers in the book, others in the teaching guide. 4

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN READING, Books 1 and 2. Contemporary, 1981. 187, 151 pp. $3.37 ea. Bk 1 (0-8092-5878-1), Bk 2 (-5840-4). Series: Building Basic Skills.	Texts designed for adult learners at the pre-GED skill level, these books cover such reading skills as understanding main ideas, details, sequence, relationships, new words, and inferences as well as critical and practical reading. The books are well organized; pages have large print and plenty of white space; answers are in the texts.	6
BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN SOCIAL STUDIES. Contemporary, 1981. 172 pp. $3.71. 0-8092-5972-9. Series: Building Basic Skills.	One of a five-title series, this book provides practice for those beginning study toward the GED test. There are reading passages, followed by questions testing various skills in reading and interpretation, in five subjects: economics, geography, political science, history, and behavioral science. Each subject unit concludes with answers and explanations. A pre-test and post-test, each also with answers and explanations, round out this useful volume written at an accessible reading level.	6
BUILDING WORD POWER. John C. Adams. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1975. 90 pp. $2.25. 0-8114-0370-X.	Practice exercises in phonetic skills, which are introduced by word families and examples, and in structural word attack skills. Because of the format, this workbook is more useful for reinforcement than for initial instruction and is best used by the adult new reader with assistance. Ample review and reading practice is provided.	4

CONTENT AREA READING SKILLS: SCIENCE, Levels D - F. H. Alan Robinson, et al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 50 pp. ea. $3.50 ea. Lvl D (0-07-337173-4), Lvl E (-337176-9), Lvl F (-337179-3). Components: Answer keys, $.55 ea. Lvl D (-337033-9), Lvl E (-337036-3), Lvl F (-337039-8).	These workbooks contain reading selections on a wide variety of topics. Each selection is preceded by reading and study aids and followed by a comprehension check, an exercise on learning words in context, and three exercises on the particular reading skill being emphasized in that lesson. The reading is interesting and the exercises appropriate, especially for the adult basic learner ultimately interested in pursuing her GED certificate. Illustrated in full color.	6-7+
CONTENT AREA READING SKILLS: SOCIAL STUDIES, Levels D - F. H. Alan Robinson and Sheila K. Hollander. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 50 pp. ea. $3.50 ea. Lvl D (0-07-337174-3), Lvl E (-337177-7), Lvl F (-337180-7). Components: Answer keys, $.55 ea. Lvl D (-337034-7), Lvl E (-337037-1), Lvl F (-337040-1).	The workbooks in this series are in the same format as those reviewed immediately above. They are interesting, have great eye appeal, and can be used independently by the adult learner. The less technical language of the field of social studies accounts for the lower reading level of these workbooks. They will be useful for the pre-GED student.	4-6
DEVELOPING THINKING SKILLS. Sarabeth Farney. Scholastic, 1981. $1.95. 0-590-34004-2. Series: Scope Skills Books. Components: Answer key, $.50.	Interesting instruction and practice in six thinking skills: understanding symbols, separating facts and feelings, grouping like things, structure and organization, sequencing, and determining relationships. Practice in real life situations is included for each skill. A good approach to an important set of skills.	7

ETHNIC READING SERIES: BLACK AMERICANS.

Ida S. Meltzer. Book-Lab, 1980. 28 pp. ea. $6.75 for ten copies of indiv. title.

Each booklet contains a reading selection of several pages, written in either the Cloze method or with selected words underlined, followed by exercises designed to reinforce the vocabulary and increase understanding of the story. (A few of the exercises in each volume do not relate well to the story and can be ignored.) Answer keys are in the books. Individual titles are: 7

Blacks in Early American History
(0-87594-168-0)
Black History: Events in February
(-171-0)
Frederick Douglass: Great Abolitionist
(-174-5)
Harriet Tubman: Moses of Her People
(-175-3)
Montgomery Bus Story
(-169-9)
Phillis Wheatley: Young Poet
(-173-7)
Robert Smalls: Brave Seaman
(-172-9)
A School at Midnight
(-170-2)

EVERYDAY READING AND WRITING.

Frank C. Laubach, et al. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1979. 272 pp. $5.50. 0-88336-380-1.

Components: Teacher's guide (-360-7) $2.50.

Introduces the reader to reading, writing, and communications skills important for the understanding and use of signs, instructions, personal and business letters, personal and business papers, newspapers, magazines, the telephone, dictionaries and other reference books, and the library. Eight of the chapters are available separately. (See Reading for Living, p. 17.) The excellent teacher's guide can also be used with these individual booklets. 7

FILLING OUT FORMS.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1979. 47 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-387-9.

Series: Practical Communications Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide (-389-5). $.50; skills practices (-388-7) $1.00.

This attractive and well laid out text emphasizes the importance of the ability to complete forms and teaches the skill using a large variety of sample forms. 6

FOCUS ON PHONICS, Books 1, 2a, and 2b.

Gail V. Rice. New Readers Press, 1976-1980. Bk 1 (0-88336-445-X) $2.15, Bk 2a (-447-6) $2.55, Bk 2b (-449-2) $3.00.

Components: Teacher's editions: Bk 1 (-496-8) $2.50, Bk 2a (-448-4) $3.50, Bk 2b (-450-6) $4.25.

Although designed to supplement Skill Books 1 and 2 of the Laubach Way to Reading series (p. 12), these phonics workbooks are also good teaching tools, with some modifications by the tutor, used alone. They are well designed and the teacher's manuals are very thorough. Book 1 covers the sounds and names of the letters, Book 2a short vowel sounds, and Book 2b consonant blends. They cannot be used by the student independently. 3

GATEWAYS TO CORRECT SPELLING.

Fred C. Ayer. Steck-Vaughn, 2nd ed., 1980. 166 + 16 pp. $3.00. 0-8114-0730-6.

Components: Teacher's edition (-0731-4) $3.00.

The first section of this workbook introduces 720 commonly misspelled words. Skills covered in the second section include syllabication, pronunciation, using the proofreading, abbreviation, and spelling troublesome words. Answers are in the teacher's edition. This book, which is as much a vocabulary builder as it is a speller, is for the advanced student. Six review tests are bound into the back of the book. 7

GRADED EXERCISES IN ENGLISH.

Robert J. Dixson. Regents, 3rd ed., 1971. 192 pp. $3.25. 0-88345-058-5.

Components: Answer key (0-685-19797-2) $1.00.

Originally intended for students of English as a second language, but revised in this edition to be a complete grammar text, this is an excellent handbook and review tool. Each rule is presented with examples and followed by exercises. Some of the grammatical terms will be difficult for the new reader. 6

HANDBOOK OF AMERICAN IDIOMS AND IDIOMATIC USAGE.

Harold C. Whitford and Robert J. Dixson. Regents, rev. ed., 1973. 188 pp. $4.25. 0-88345-196-4.

A dictionary of 5,000 common idiomatic words and phrases. Although intended for students of English as a second language, it is useful for any adult whose limited experience with the English language or the written word has left him unfamiliar with many idiomatic expressions. 7

IMPROVING YOUR HANDWRITING.

Rebecca Mae Townsend. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 64 pp. $1.77. 0-8114-0697-0.

An excellent workbook for the adult who already knows cursive script but wishes to improve her skill. 6

INSTANT SPELLING POWER FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

Norman Lewis. Amsco, 1976. $7.53. 0-87720-952-9.

Despite its title, this is a spelling text for the basic learner. Each unit introduces words that follow a particular pattern, and - step-by-step - the reader learns to recognize and use that pattern. There is much reinforcement and review. An excellent workbook that attempts to train the eye and mind in spelling techniques. The reading level is not constant, but most of the book is usable on the fifth grade level. 5

INTRODUCTION TO ENGLISH.

Angelica W. Cass, ed. Cambridge, rev. ed., 1979. 245 pp. $3.80. 0-8428-9335-0.

Series: Cambridge Pre-GED Program.

This workbook provides preliminary study toward the high school equivalency examination in writing skills with clear explanations, numerous examples, plenty of opportunity to practice and reinforce skills, and evaluation through questions and answers. Well arranged, clearly written, and relevant to the new GED examination, it is also useful for the individual wishing simply to improve her grammar, vocabulary, and writing. 7

INTRODUCTION TO READING.

Angelica W. Cass, ed. Cambridge, rev. ed., 1978. 245 pp. $3.80. 0-8428-9002-5.

Series: Cambridge Pre-GED Program

Designed for initial study to prepare for the high school equivalency examination in the interpretation of reading materials in social studies, natural sciences, and literature, this workbook is also appropriate for the individual seeking improvement in comprehension skills in various subject fields and formats. Reading selections, followed by multiple choice questions and an answer key which includes explanations, are included. 7

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IT'S ON THE MAP. Patricia Kelly Waelder. New Readers Press, 1978. 64 pp. $2.10. 0-88336-467-0. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	After an introduction which outlines basic map skills, twenty-five sample pages of many types of maps with questions about them are presented. Good for review and reinforcement; not as useful for initial instruction. A list of important words and an answer key are appended. Information for the tutor is included.	7
LABEL TALK. Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1977. 64 pp. $2.10. 0-88336-443-3. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Practice exercises in reading labels of description, instruction, and warning from 25 consumer products. A word list and answer key are appended.	5
LANGUAGE EXERCISES, Red Book and Blue Book. Mabel Youree Grizzard. Steck-Vaughn, 2nd ed., 1978. $2.64 ea. Red (0-8114-0646-6), Blue (-0647-4). Components: Answer keys, $.25.	Pages and pages of exercises on a wide variety of language usage skills for those needing extra practice in the basics. This is a supplementary workbook from which sections may be used as review and reinforcement is needed; it will be especially useful for pre-GED students. (There are seven other books in this series: the ones on lower reading levels are juvenile in appearance and approach; the ones on higher levels are too difficult or become too grammar rather than usage oriented.)	5-6

LAUBACH WAY TO READING, Skill Books 1-2.

Frank C. Laubach, et al.
New Readers Press, 1981-82.
80 pp. ea.
SB 1 (0-88336-901-X) $2.50;
SB 2 (-902-8) $2.50.

Components: Teacher's manuals: SB 1 (-911-7) $2.50; SB 2 (-912-5) $2.50. Correlated readers: SB 1 (-921-4) $.90; SB 2 (-922-2) $.90. Checkups: SB 1 (-931-1) $.30; SB 2 (932-X) $.30. Supplementary readers: More Stories 1 (-326-7) $1.50; More Stories 2 (-327-5) $2.25.

A revision (modernized and improved based on numerous suggestions from students and tutors) of the basic reading and writing program developed and used by Laubach Literacy Action, formerly the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance. Only the first two Skill Books and their correlated materials are currently available; Skill Books 3-5 will be published as they are revised and are now available only in the original New Streamlined English series (which entry please see, p. 14). The program is designed to take adult students from zero reading ability to the fifth grade level. It is one of the most respected systems for use in one-on-one tutoring and is excellent for the beginning tutor because of the completeness and detail of the teacher's manuals. Each component may be purchased separately as the student progresses from level to level; the supplementary readers are not an integral part of the program but do provide extra practice related to the lessons. 0-6

LEARNING OUR LANGUAGE, Book 1.

Jewel Varnado. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1974. $2.46.
0-8114-0386-6.

Components: Answer key, $.25.

A usage-based (rather than grammar-based) workbook covering such skills as recognizing sentences, using capital letters and punctuation, forming plurals, choosing the correct voices and tenses of verbs, forming contractions, and using negatives. Useful and well done for the low reading level on which it is written. (Book 2 is not recommended because better materials are available at the high reading level on which it is written.) 4

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LET'S LOOK IT UP. Patricia Kelly Waelder. New Readers Press, 1977. 62 pp. $2.10. 0-88336-468-9. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Illustrated exercises using reference materials found in everyday life, including a retail catalog, the telephone book, a bus schedule, a book index, various types of graphs, a calendar, and a dictionary. Excellent for practice; not as useful for initial instruction. A word list and answer key are included.	6
LETTERS AND SIGNS ACTIVITY BOOK. Stanford E. Taylor, et al. I/CT, 1978. 89 pp. $3.00.	Introduces all letters of the alphabet, upper and lower case, in familiar signs and provides practice in letter recognition and manuscript writing. Illustrated with photos.	3
MACHINE-AGE RIDDLES. Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1975. 16 pp. $1.10. 0-88336-440-9. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Outline drawings of objects encountered in daily life, often with parts missing to obscure their identity but with printed labels clearly visible. The adult reader must apply her perceptual and reading skills to identify such things as a parking meter, a bottle of glue, and an ice machine.	3 up
MAP SKILLS, Levels B and C. Bernard A. Fox. Continental Press, 1981. $.96 ea. Lvl B (0-8454-2233-2), Lvl C (-2234-0).	These workbooks introduce and provide practice for skills and concepts needed to use maps and globes. Book C offers more information on road maps and using longitude and latitude. The print is large and clear, the layout open and uncluttered, and the explanations easy to follow. No answers are given, but the questions are all open-book style.	4 and 6

NEW PRACTICE READERS.
Books C - F.

Donald Anderson, et al.
McGraw-Hill, 2nd ed., 1978.
186 pp. ea. Bk C
(0-07-001904-5) $4.08; Bk D
(001905-3) $4.08; Bk E
(001906-1) $4.08; Bk F
(001907-X) $4.38.

Components: Answer key for
series (001900-2) $4.95;
teacher's manual for series
(001901-0) $2.07.

Each book contains short non-fiction selections preceded by "Getting Ready to Read" exercises and followed by "Testing Yourself" questions, all on two facing pages. Although the series is not intended for adults, the format and content of Books C - F is simple and inviting without being insulting to the adult new reader. (Books A and B were judged too juvenile in appearance, and Book G too difficult for the intended audience of books in this bibliography.)

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NEW STREAMLINED ENGLISH,
Skill Books 3-5.

Frank C. Laubach, et al. New
Readers Press, 1969-77. 128 pp.
ea. SB 3 (0-88336-303-8)
$3.50; SB 4 (-304-6) $2.95;
SB 5 (-305-4) $2.95.

Components: Teacher's manuals:
SB 3 (-313-9) $2.00; SB 4
(-314-3) $2.50; SB 5 (-315-1)
$2.50. Correlated readers:
SB 3 (-323-2) $1.25; SB 4 (-324-0)
$1.25; SB 5 (-325-9) $2.25.
Checkups, $.30 ea.: SB 3
(-333-X), SB 4 (-334-8), SB 5
(-335-6).

The original format of the program, now in the process of revision, developed and used by Laubach Literacy Action, formerly the National Affiliation for Literacy Advance. (See Laubach Way to Reading, p. 12.)

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PHOTOCABULARY.

Oddo, 1969. 190 pp. $2.79. 0-87783-075-4.

Names of common objects are taught through stories, exercises, and over 300 black-and-white photographs. The names of the objects are written, printed in lower and upper case, and used in sentences. Parts of the book can be used very well with students reading below third grade level.

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PROGRAMMED SPELLING DEMONS.

George W. Feinstein. Prentice-Hall, 1973. 220 pp. $7.60. 0-13-730135-9.

Components: Teacher's guide free with ten copies.

Designed for "the average to above average high school student," this easy-to-use manual is also excellent for the advanced adult education student who wishes to learn independently. Included is practice with words commonly confused, apostrophes, the final silent "e", doubling the final consonant, and other troublemakers. Humorous examples and spelling gimmicks add interest.

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PROSE AND PASSION: A LYRICAL APPROACH TO THE MASTERY OF SPOKEN ENGLISH.

Gary Gabriel. Regents, 1981. 134 pp. $4.95. 0-88345-436-X.

Components: Teacher's edition, $6.95.

An interesting and creative approach to improving spoken and written language skills through the expression of feelings and emotions, this book also attempts to build an appreciation of the English language. For the advanced learner wanting his new skills to provide him with more than the ability to cope in everyday life. The teacher's edition is merely the student text with 30 extra pages of "manual" and not worth the price.

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REACT INTERACT: SITUATIONS FOR COMMUNICATION. Donald R. H. Byrd and Isis Clemente-Cabetas. Regents, 1980. 132 pp. $4.95. 0-88345-412-2.	Situations to stimulate thinking, decision-making, and discussion. Each selection is followed by questions, only a few of which have "right" answers; answers to these are in the back of the book. An interesting book for the learner working alone but one that would be more fun shared with others.	7
READ CARD PROGRAM Instructional Communications Technology, n.d. Recommended components: Six sets of READ cards (Hi-R 1-10 through Hi-A (21-30) $6.50 ea.; Vu-Mate, $16.00; Teacher's Guide for READ Card Program, $3.00.	Using the sets of cards and the Vu-Mate hand-held tachistoscope, a student can acquire a basic sight vocabulary relevant to his age and life experience. Each card introduces new words, provides a short reading selection, and allows the student to test his ability to recognize words rapidly through the use of the mechanically operated tachistoscope, which exposes each word for 1/25th of a second. Also available is a set of 100 blank cards ($15.00) on which a tutor can print or type words for use in the Vu-Mate.	3 and below - 4
READ THE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST. Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1976. 62 pp. $2.10. 0-88336-444-1. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	Practice exercises in understanding a variety of instructions, among them those for operating a copy machine, using a laundromat, baking a cake from a mix, paying a utility bill, and applying for unemployment insurance. A word list and answer key are appended.	6

READING COMPETENCE.

Sherry Royce and Irene M. Reiter. Globe, 1977. 186 pp. $4.29. 0-87065-411-X.

Series: Reading for Survival.

Components: Answer key. (-412-8) free on request.

A worktext which combines the teaching of reading skills with the teaching of survival skills, this book covers subject matter which is practical and essential for adults. An index of reading skills and one of coping skills add to the usefulness of this title, but it is one which is more beneficially used with the assistance of a tutor than by the student alone. 6

READING EFFICIENCY.

Nathaniel Shapiro. Scholastic, 1979. 95 pp. $1.95. 0-590-30470-4.

Series: Scope Skills Books.

Components: Answer Key, $.50.

Written to improve reading comprehension through the strengthening of such skills as focusing, flexibility, skimming, and by the breaking of bad reading habits, this worktext can be enjoyed by the more advanced adult new reader. 7

READING FOR LIVING.

Frank C. Laubach, et. al. New Readers Press, 1971-76 rev. 19-32 pp. $.75 ea.

Eight chapters from Everyday Reading and Writing, reviewed on page 8, reprinted in pamphlet form. Titles are: 7

How to Read and Write Business Letters (0-88336-434-4)
How to Read and Write Personal Letters (-433-6)
How to Read Maps (-431-X)
How to Read Signs (-430-1)
How to Use the Dictionary and Other Reference Books (-437-9)
How to Use Telephones (-436-0)
Instructions on Safety (-432-8)

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READING IMPROVEMENT.

Barbara Burke and Irene M. Reiter. Globe, 1977. 184 pp. $4.29. 0-87065-413-6.

Series: Reading for Survival.

Components: Answer key. (-414-4) Free on request.

Life coping skills are used as a vehicle for the teaching of more advanced reading skills than those presented in Reading Competence (p. 17). Like that title, this one includes reading skills and survival skills indexes. 7

REPLY REQUESTED: THIRTY LETTERS OF ADVICE.

Richard Yorkey. Addison-Wesley, 1981. 127 pp. $4.19. 0-201-10078-9.

Actual letters to Ann Landers are followed by vocabulary lists, comprehension questions, questions for discussion, notes on language and customs, exercises in thinking and writing and the replies from Ms. Landers. A stimulus for improving the skills of interpretation, inference and forming opinions. Some of the exercises are more appropriate for learners of English as a second language than for native English speakers. 7

SCOTT, FORESMAN INTERMEDIATE DICTIONARY. E.L. Thorndike and Clarence L. Barnhart. Scott, Foresman, 1979. $10.99. 0-673-12326-X.	Intended for upper elementary and junior high school students, this dictionary will also appeal to the adult new reader. The print is readable and the pages clear and uncluttered. Numerous illustrations, "World History" and "Word Family" sidebars, and an abbreviated pronunciation key on every page add to the interest and usefulness of this excellent dictionary, which begins with a 34-page section on dictionary skills.	4-7+
SIGNS, Books 1 - 3. Sol Gordon. New Readers Press, 1971. 30 pp. ea. $4.00/set. 0-88336-564-2. Components: Teacher's guide (rev. 1977) incl.	Signs, More Signs, and Signs of Our Times are the titles of the individual volumes in this set of books of photographs of signs of many types. Meant to introduce the learner to words and experiences in reading before formal instruction, the books are also useful as reinforcement and discussion-starters.	3
SIGNS AROUND TOWN. Calvin Greatsinger. New Readers Press, 1976. 62 pp. $2.10. 0-88336-442-5. Series: Practice in Survival Reading.	A good basic text for new readers. Twenty-five signs are pictured, with questions about content and interpretation accompanying them. Includes answers and a vocabulary list.	6

SPELLING STEPS,
Parts 1 - 3.

Mildred Hart Bailey. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 80, 112, 144 pp. $2.10 ea. Pt 1 (0-8114-0702-0), Pt 2 (-0703-9), Pt 3 (-0704-7).

A three-book series that does not assume a high reading level of its user. Part 1 begins with the basics: writing practice, matching letters, and consonant sounds. Each step builds logically from the preceding one so the learner can use this series more or less independently. The words used in the lessons are those necessary in daily living, and the answers for the exercises on each page are given on the following page. 5

STECK-VAUGHN ADULT READING,
Levels 1 (7 books) and 2 (8 books).

Sam V. Dauzat, et al. Steck-Vaughn, 1977-78. $2.25 ea. book.

Components: Teacher's guide for series (0-8114-1008-0) $2.25; learner profile chart (-1009-9) $7.00/24.

Fifteen workbooks sequentially arranged to bring the adult working with an instructor from 0 to 8th grade reading level. Although the progression of the books in terms of reading difficulty is not always even, a tutor can compensate for difficulties this might cause for the student. The teacher's manual is comprehensive but not as detailed or easy to use as the manuals for the Laubach Way to Reading series (p. 12). The format is adult and inviting. The ISBN's for the booklets are: -1100-1, -1200-8, -1300-4, -1400-0, -1500-7, -1600-3, -1700-X, -2100-7, -2200-3, -2300-X, -2400-6, -2500-2, -2600-9, -2700-5, and -2300-X. 0-7+

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STRANGELY TRUE: CLOZE READING SKILLS. Annie Mueser. Scholastic, 1980. $1.95. 0-590-34006-9. Series: Scope Skills Books. Components: Answer key, $.50.	After a good introduction on "How to Read Cloze Selections," this wordbook includes a section of practice in using context clues. Cloze exercises (ones in which the learner must fill in missing words in a reading selection) of varying degrees of difficulty follow. Comprehension questions are given for each cloze reading selection, and the workbook includes a pre-test and post-test. It is a well-rounded aid to learning words from context clues.	7
STUDY SKILLS FOR INFORMATION RETRIEVAL, Books A - C. Donald L. Barnes and Arlene Burgdorf. Allyn and Bacon, 1979. $3.75 ea. Bk A (0-205-496436-5), Bk B (-496437-3), Bk C (-496438-1). Components: Teacher's editions, $4.56 ea. Bk A (-496440-3), Bk B (-496441-1), Bk C (-496442-X).	Three workbooks designed to teach efficient ways to find, organize, and evaluate information. Basic skills for using the library, dictionary, encyclopedia, and other reference tools are covered as well as skills for the interpretation of maps, charts, and graphs. Each book covers the same information but on a different level; Book A assumes very few skills and begins with alphabetizing letter by letter. Although written for children, the books are appropriate for adults. Answers in teacher's editions.	6-7
TEACH YOURSELF ENGLISH. William L. Young. Barron's 1968. 127 pp. $2.95. 0-8120-0373-X.	A programmed workbook in grammar and punctuation for the advanced student. The book includes practice exercises, thorough explanations, rules to remember, and check-ups.	7

TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 1: SOUND OUT. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 59 pp. $2.61. 0-395-27231-9. Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.	A thorough review of consonant sounds - including beginning sounds, ending sounds, diagraphs, and the two sounds for "c" and "g" - by means of exercises, pre-tests, and review tests. (The student working at the lowest level needs a fair amount of tutor assistance with this workbook.) This is the first in a series designed to assist in various areas of difficulty encountered by a student learning to read. Designed for children but not inappropriate for adults.	3 and below - 4
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 2: SOUND OFF. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $2.61. 0-395-27230-0. Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.	Although the introduction to this book erroneously claims that it "will teach you how to pronounce consonants correctly," the book is a series of reinforcement exercises on vowel sounds: long, short, combinations, silent, and with the letter "r". Pre-tests and review tests allow students to pace themselves.	5
TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 3: SPELLING ACTION. Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $2.61. 0-395-27229-7. Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.	As in Book 2, the introduction claims that this workbook teaches the pronunciation of consonants; it is, rather, a set of exercises, pre-tests, and review tests designed to teach key spelling rules, homophones, plurals of nouns, and the correct spellings of some confused or troublesome words. Good practice for the student who has cracked the basic phonetic code but still needs to improve his spelling of common words.	6

TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 4: WORD ATTACK.

Patricia Ann Benner and Virginia L. Law. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $2.61. 0-395-27228-9.

Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.

Exercises that introduce the student to methods for deciphering longer words and building vocabulary: base words, syllabication, word building, and prefixes and suffixes. Interesting and comprehensive. Pre- and post-tests scattered throughout.

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TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 5: WORD MASTERY.

Patricia Ann Benner and Virginia L. Law. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 58 pp. $2.61 0-395-27227-0.

Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.

Designed to teach methods of vocabulary improvement and increase ability to use words effectively, this workbook includes sections on dictionary use, determining word meanings in context, synonyms, and recognizing word sets. In the same format as other titles in this series.

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TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 6: SENTENCE STRENGTH.

Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 57 pp. $2.61. 0-395-27226-2.

Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.

Practice exercises in identifying subjects and predicates (both action and non-action) and in recognizing whole sentences and fragments. An ample number of review tests are included.

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TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 7: PUNCTUATION POWER.

Patricia Ann Benner. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 54 pp. $2.61. 0-395-27225-4.

Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.

The principles of end punctuation, commas, quotation marks, and apostrophes are taught and reinforced in exercises, pre-tests, and review tests.

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TROUBLESHOOTER 1, BOOK 8: ENGLISH ACHIEVEMENT.

Patricia Ann Benner and Virginia L. Law. Houghton Mifflin, 1979. 60 pp. $2.61 0-395-27233-5.

Components: Class answer book for series, $3.24.

In the same format as the other titles in this series, Book 8 reviews pronouns, tenses of regular and irregular verbs, and the construction of paragraphs. It also introduces the correct methods of writing letters and filling out a variety of forms. (The examples and situations used are pertinent to teen-agers rather than to adults.)

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TROUBLESHOOTER 2, BOOK 1: WORD RECOGNITION.

Joel Weinberg. Houghton Mifflin, 1980. 60 pp. 0-395-27903-8.

Components: Class answer book for series (-27893-7) $2.31.

Introduces compound words, suffixes, prefixes, and syllables by means of pre-tests, multiple exercises, and review tests.

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TROUBLESHOOTER 2, BOOK 2: VOCABULARY.

Joel Weinberg. Houghton Mifflin, 1980. 60 pp. $2.64 0-395-27902-X.

Components: Class answer book for series (-27893-7) $2.31.

Focuses on the skills needed to learn new words rather than on lists of vocabulary words to be learned. Covers word parts (base words, prefixes, suffixes), words in context, metaphors, idioms, words in categories, synonyms, antonyms, and homographs. A good approach to a skill difficult for many adult new readers. 6

TROUBLESHOOTER 2, BOOK 4: READING COMPREHENSION.

Joel Weinberg. Houghton Mifflin, 1980. 60 pp. $2.64. 0-395-27900-3.

Components: Class answer book for series (-27893-7) $2.31.

Includes work on recognizing main ideas, identifying supporting details, and drawing conclusions and inferences by means of pre-tests, numerous exercises, and review tests. The workbook closes with a section which reviews all of the comprehension skills covered. A clear introduction to each skill. 6

USING THE TELEPHONE.

Cheri Cook. New Readers Press, 1978. 48 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-381-X.

Series: Practical Communication Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide (-383-6) $.50; skills practice (-382-8) $1.00.

Information on using the telephone book, making long distance calls, having a phone installed, understanding bills, and sending telegrams. Exercises are in the skills practice booklet. 5

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VISUAL VOCABULARY SKILLS.

Gallaudet College, 1979-1981. 13 pp. ea. $1.25 ea.

Components: Suggested answers free with each booklet.

A set of eight workbooks each containing uncaptioned black-and-white photographs of common objects. A separate sheet provides suggested answers, allowing flexibility to adapt to regional differences in the names of objects and differences in individuals' perceptions. Intended to develop vocabulary skills in deaf adults, the workbooks are equally useful tools for other adult learners. The individual titles are: Actions, Clothing, People, Places, Recreation, Rooms, Tools and Appliances, and Vehicles. 3

VOCABULARY IMPROVEMENT.

Sharon L. Belshae and Michael E. Goodman. Scholastic, 1980. 80 pp. $1.95. 0-590-30043-1.

Series: Scope Skills Books.

Components: Answer Key, $.50.

A workbook which teaches vocabulary building skills using reading materials found in everyday life. Attractively illustrated and laid out. No answers are in the book, but a glossary of all the vocabulary words necessary to answer the questions is included. 7

WEBSTER'S NEW WORLD DICTIONARY OF THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE, Basic School Edition.

David B. Guralnik, ed. Prentice-Hall, 1979. 880 pp. $8.97. 0-13-94467-8.

This dictionary is intended for upper elementary and junior high school students but is not juvenile in appearance. Over 50,000 entries in readable type are illustrated with more than 1,600 drawings and photographs in an attractive arrangement. A simplified pronunciation key highlighted on every page and a guide to using the dictionary are two of the features which make this a particularly useful dictionary for the adult new reader. 4-7+

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WORLD OF VOCABULARY, Books A-B and 1-4. Sidney J. Rauch, et al. Globe, 1975-1981. Bk A (0-87065-930-8) $3.50; Bk B (-931-6) $3.50; Bk 1 (-932-4) $3.50; Bk 2 (-933-2) $3.50; Bk 3 (-934-0) $3.17; Bk 4 (-935-9) $3.04. Components: Teaching guide for each text free on request.	Despite the references to "teacher" and "extra credit," these are excellent workbooks which introduce in each lesson ten vocabulary words boxed in color in a non-fiction story. Each passage is then followed by exercises to reinforce retention of the words. A mini-dictionary is at the end of each volume. Instructions and exercises are at a higher reading level than the reading selections in the earlier volumes. The books are attractive and non-threatening in appearance.	5-7
WRITE AND READ, Books DA, EA, and FA. John Dawkins. McGraw-Hill, 1981. 108, 124, 122 pp. $3.95 ea. Bk DA (0-07-319454-9), Bk EA (-319455-7), Bk FA (-319456-5). Components: Teacher's guide for series (-319452-2) $2.50.	This set is designed to help the student write and punctuate sentences, understand subject/verb agreement, and construct paragraphs. Book DA assumes little prior understanding of grammar, mechanics, or usage. Each volume can be used independently of the others. The format is no-nonense but attractive; rules are clearly stated and highlighted; there are plenty of examples and practice exercises; and answers are in the books.	5-7

WRITING TO OTHERS

Cheri Cook. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1978. 48 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-384-4.

Series: Practical Communications Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide (-386-0) $.50; skills practice (-388-7) $1.00.

A practical guide to personal correspondence and announcements, including notes and messages, different types of letters, invitations, resumes, and want ads. 7

WRITING WORKBOOK: HANDBOOK AND LETTER RECOGNITION PRACTICE FOR LEARNERS OF THE ENGLISH ALPHABET.

Rayner W. Markley. ELS, 1977. 32 pp. $2.75. 0-89295-043-4.

This workbook provides practice in two areas: 1) cursive (and some manuscript) writing, and 2) the recognition of manuscript letters through tracking exercises. Intended for those unfamiliar with the Roman alphabet, it will also be useful for others needing practice in the skills covered, including students with difficulties in perception. The reading level is for the brief instructions on each page, but learners working at lower levels can use the book with assistance. 4

YOUR DAILY PAPER.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1977. 63 pp. $2.10. 0-88336-466-2.

Series: Practice in Survival Reading.

Practice in reading the newspaper, with reproductions of newspaper pages and pertinent questions about these samples. Includes skills needed to scan headlines, use the index, understand editorial cartoons, read sports scores and standings, and decipher the TV schedule. 7

MATHEMATICS

ARITHMETIC SKILLS WORKBOOK.

Calman Goozner. Amsco, 1973. 358 pp. $4.85. 0-87720-236-2.

Components: Answer key, $.60.

Written as a complete one-year course for the student who has experienced difficulty in learning arithmetic, this large volume is also an excellent handbook for reference and review. The first half of the book covers the fundamentals of arithmetic, including fractions, decimals, percents and word problems. The second half covers practical applications of these fundamentals in such areas as measurement, personal finances, and graphs. The metric system and the use of arithmetic techniques to solve simple algebraic equations are also presented. Examples, sample solutions, visual techniques, numerous exercises, and an index add to the usefulness of this comprehensive tool. 7

BASIC ESSENTIALS OF MATHEMATICS. Parts 1 and 2.

James T. Shea. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1980. 96 pp. $2.46 ea. Pt. 1 (0-8114-0437-4), Pt. 2 (-0438-2).

Components: Answer keys, $.25 ea. volume.

Part 1 covers addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers and common and decimal fractions. Part 2 includes percentages, measurement, ratio and proportion, and simple algebra. Although the reading level of the instructions is high - and many students will need tutor assistance in using these books - the explanations are clear, and there are plenty of practice exercises. A good teaching and review manual. (See also Working with Numbers: Refresher Book (p. 38); the two titles are almost identical in content, this one simply having more practice exercises.) 7+

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BASIC MATHEMATICS SKILLS. Carol S. Scheer and Martine Rongier Wiznitzer. McGraw-Hill, 1979. 252 pp. $3.71. 0-07-055226-6. Series: Pre-GED Basic Skills.	Useful for intensive review of the basic arithmetic facts and skills and for initial preparation for the new G.E.D. examination. Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers and fractions (but not of decimals and percents) and measurement are emphasized; signed numbers, algebra, and graphs are introduced. The book is designed for self-instruction, and answers are at the end of each section, but some students will need assistance in spite of the low reading level.	5
BE INFORMED ON USING MEASUREMENTS. Ellie Hubbard. New Readers Press, 1970. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-413-1. Series: Be Informed Series.	Includes chapters on time, distance, weight, liquid and dry measure, temperature, and the metric system. This is not a "how-to measure" workbook; rather, it defines measurement. Exercises and answers are appended.	6

BREAKTHROUGH TO MATH, LEVEL ONE, Books 1-6.

Ann K.U. Tussing. New Readers Press, 1981. 32-64 pp. $2.00 ea. Bk 1 (0-88336-810-2), Bk 2 (-811-0), Bk 3 (-812-9), Bk 4 (-813-7), Bk 5 (-814-5), Bk 6 (-815-3).

Components: Teacher's directory for levels one and two (-817-X) $2.00; mastery checkup, level one (-816-1) $.50.

A series of slowly paced and easy-to-follow workbooks on arithmetic functions with whole numbers. The pages are clear and uncluttered, and the print is large. The explanations are simple, the examples numerous, and the exercises plentiful. This is arithmetic at its most basic level. The texts assume no previous knowledge, but the presentation is neither juvenile nor condescending. Answers are in each booklet. Titles in the series are, in numerical order: Understanding Numbers, Adding Whole Numbers, Subtracting Whole Numbers, Multiplying Whole Numbers, Dividing Whole Numbers, and Word Problems with Whole Numbers. An excellent series for the beginner and those who have difficulty learning computation skills. 4

BREAKTHROUGH TO MATH, LEVEL TWO, Books 1-6.

Ann K.U. Tussing. New Readers Press, 1982. 29-80 pp. $2.00 ea. Bk 1 (0-88336-820-X), Bk 2 (-821-8), Bk 3 (-822-6), Bk 4 (-823-4), Bk 5 (-824-?), Bk 6 (-825-0).

Components: Teacher's directory for levels one and two (-817-X) $2.00; mastery checkup, level one (-826-9) $.50.

For the advanced beginner, this is the second half of the series reviewed immediately above. Titles at this level are, in numerical order: Understanding and Comparing Fractions, Adding and Subtracting Fractions, Multiplying and Dividing Fractions, Decimal Fractions, Percents, and Word Problems with Fractions, Decimals, and Percents. 4

BUILDING BASIC SKILLS IN MATHEMATICS.

Contemporary, 1981. 226 pp. $3.71. 0-8092-5877-3.

Series: Building Basic Skills.

A workbook on the pre-GED skill level which reviews arithmetic functions with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, and percents. Ample problem practice step-by-step instructions, numerous pre- and post-tests, and accessible reading level are features which make this book particularly attractive to the basic learner. Answers (with solutions) are in the book. 5

BUYING WITH SENSE.

Carol L. King. Pitman, 1980. 154 pp. $3.96. 0-8224-1190-3.

Series: Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic.

Components: Teacher's manual/ answer book free.

Basic consumer mathematics taught through the ongoing story of a young couple's decisions on money management, job searching, and apartment hunting. Pre-tests, vocabulary aids, exercises, and checkups add to this volume's usefulness. Answers to "Preview" and "Test Yourself" sections are in the book; answers to the exercises are in the teacher's manual. Numerous illustrations. 4

COMPUTATION WORKSHOP.

Harry Schor and Alan Ginsberg. Globe, 1977. 213 pp. $3.58. 0-87065-874-3.

Each section begins with a pretest which is then followed by an explanation of the skill or concept under discussion, practice pages, and a check-up. Presents all the basic arithmetic skills as well as some additional material, such as using an electronic calculator, not covered in other titles in this bibliography. Answer key and mini-dictionary included. Most useful for review or as supplementary practice. 7

ESSENTIAL MATH SKILLS.

Leo Gafney and John C. Beers. McGraw-Hill, 1981. 220 pp. $4.38. 0-07-010260-0.

Components: Teacher edition (-010261-9) $5.10.

A workbook which provides supplementary practice in basic mathematical skills with whole numbers, decimals, fractions, percent, measurement, graphs, and simple geometry. Each one-page lesson begins with a brief instruction and one or more worked-out examples; this is followed by a good number of problems for the student to solve. Sections may be used independently of one another. Very good for review and reinforcement. Answers in the teacher edition. 5

ESSENTIAL MATHEMATICS FOR LIFE.

Mary S. Charuhas, et al. Scott, Foresman, 1981. 124 pp. ea. $2.59 ea.

Components: Instructor's guide (0-673-24009-1) $1.98; instructor's guide, military edition (-24011-8) $1.98; instructor's guide, corrections edition (-24010-X) $1.98.

A series of four workbooks (Basic Arithmetic Review, Geometry, and Algebra not reviewed here) which builds skills slowly and logically. Opportunity is provided for learners to apply their new skills in computation to everyday situations. The format is uncrowded and non-threatening but adult, and the use of two colors of type in sample solutions is helpful. Some unusual features of these books which work well in context are the teaching of the multiplication and division of whole numbers together, the introduction of decimals before common fractions, and the teaching of the multiplication and division of fractions before addition and subtraction. Answers are in each book. Titles are: Whole Numbers (-24001-0), Decimals and Fractions (-24002-9), and Percents, Graphs, and Measurement (-24003-7). 4-6

EXPLORING METRICS.

Frank D. Mark. Globe, 1976. 90 pp. $3.08. 0-87065-904-9.

Components: Teacher's edition (-905-7) $4.00.

A text/workbook exclusively in the metric system, with numerous drawings and activities relating to everyday life. Although the book can be used independently by the adult learner, as it is written at a low reading level and is easy to follow, the answers are only in the teacher's edition, making this a rather expensive package. 4

FIGURE IT OUT. Books 1-3.

Mary C. Wallace, Follet, 3rd ed., 1981. 64, 80, 128 pp. $2.94 ea. Bk 1 (0-695-21944-8), Bk 2 (-21946-4), Bk 3 (-21948-0).

Components: Teacher's editions, $4.23 ea.; Bk 1 (-21945-6), Bk 2 (-21947-2), Bk 3 (-21949-9).

Book 1 teaches the four basic arithmetic skills using whole numbers, while Book 2 uses fractions, decimals, and percents. Book 3 presents measurement, the metric system, ratio, graphs, elementary algebra, and finding circumference and area and other basic functions of plain geometry. The clear, uncluttered pages with plenty of white space make these volumes very attractive to the basic learner. They are more profitably used with a tutor than by the student alone or for review than for initial learning. Unfortunately, the answers are only in the teacher's editions. 5-6

INTRODUCTION TO MATHEMATICS, Books 1 and 2. Cambridge, 1980-81. 149 pp. $2.50 ea. Bk 1 (0-8428-9341-5) Bk 2 (0-8428-9357-7).	Book 1 reviews the four arithmetical functions and their use with whole numbers, fractions, and percents. Book 2 continues with instruction in decimals, percents, and charts and graphs. Designed for preliminary study toward readiness for the GED examination in mathematics, these volumes are especially helpful because of their numerous practice exercises and check-up tests in that exam's format and their tips on solving word problems. Little use of difficult terminology. A revision of Introduction to Arithmetic. Answers are in the book.	4
MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING, BOOK 1: FRACTIONS. Nerissa Bell Bryant and Loy Hedgepeth. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 108 pp. $2.46. 0-8114-0761-1.	A self-paced programmed learning approach to the subject, this workbook covers the steps to mastering fractions carefully, one at a time, and with plenty of opportunity for practice before advancing to the next step. Each chapter concludes with an exercise relating mathematical skills to common adult problems. (Chapters 1 and 2 review whole numbers and Roman numerals.)	5
MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING, BOOK 2: DECIMALS AND PERCENT. Nerissa Bell Bryant and Loy Hedgepeth. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 140 pp. $2.46. 0-8114-0762-4.	Another volume in an excellent set which combines the teaching of mathematics and coping skills in a sequential, incremental pattern laced with numerous practice exercises. Answer key included.	6

MATHEMATICS IN DAILY LIVING, BOOK 3: MEASUREMENT AND GEOMETRY.

Nerissa Bell Bryant and Loy Hedgepeth. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 92 pp. $2.46. 0-8114-0763-2.

In the same format as the above two titles, this book covers English and metric measurement and the fundamentals of plain and solid geometry using everyday situations as examples. The reading level of this volume is higher because of the number of multisyllabic words used in metric measurement and to describe geometric figures. 7

MEASURE UP.

Charles H. Kahn, et al. Pitman, 1968. 60 pp. $2.70. 0-8224-4460-7.

Components: Teacher's manual with answer key free.

Intended for special education students but useful for other adults as well, this book on linear measurement in feet and inches is detailed and repetitive, with many exercises, some of which are quite challenging and enjoyable. The pages are, unfortunately deeply perforated, which will limit the number of circulations for this book. 4

NUMBER POWER and NUMBER POWER 2.

Jerry Howett. Contemporary Books, 1976-77. 138 pp. $3.00. ea. NP (0-8092-8011-6), NP2 (-8010-8).

With step-by-step directions, easily understood examples and plentiful practice problems, these books develop basic skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. The first book covers whole numbers and the second, fractions, decimals, and percent. Check-ups, story problems, and sections applying mathematical skills to everyday situations add to the usefulness of these excellent volumes for adults who need review and practice. Answers in the books. 7

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USING DOLLARS AND SENSE.

Charles H. Kahn and J. Bradley Hanna. Pitman, 2nd ed., 112 pp. $3.96.

Series: Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic Series.

Components: Teacher's guide included.

Practice in the recognition of United States coins and bills and in using addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division in figuring costs, making change, and getting the most for your money. 4

WORKING WITH NUMBERS: THE NEW TRIANGLE BOOK.

James L. Shoemaker and Darlene Weatherly. Steck-Vaughn, 1982. $2.70. 0-8114-0943-0.

Components: Answer key free on request.

The third in a series of eight books (the first two of which have also just been revised but not yet reviewed for this bibliography) which teaches basic arithmetic skills. This workbook covers place value and the addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division of whole numbers at the beginning level, i.e., addition and subtraction only with one-, two-, and three-place numbers, and multiplication and division only by one-place numbers, no remainders in division. It also introduces the concept of fractions. The book is clearly and slowly paced and provides ample practice, including a section of mixed practice, which is most helpful. 3

WORKING WITH NUMBERS: RECTANGLE BOOK.

James T. Shea. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1980. 128 pp. $2.70. 0-8114-0944-9.

Components: Answer key free request.

The fourth book in the series mentioned immediately above, this workbook goes a few steps further: multiplication with two-place numbers, remainders in division etc. Each page is a separate lesson with explanations, sample solutions, and ample practice problems. Another good text for beginners.

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WORKING WITH NUMBERS: REFRESHER BOOK.

James T. Shea. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1980. 160 pp. $3.06. 0-8114-0855-8.

Components: Answer key free upon request.

A review of all the skills covered in the Working with Numbers series, this title includes fundamental skills with whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percent, solving problems with formulas, ratio and proportion, and simple equations. Basic Essentials of Mathematics (p. 29) is identical to this title except for additional practice pages.

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SCIENCE

ANIMALS DANGEROUS TO MAN.

Richard Mussman. Longman, 1973.
92 pp. $1.75. 0-58253-768-1.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Interesting accounts of the damage caused by sharks, locust plagues, rats, and disease-carrying mosquitoes. The print is small, but the excellent layout and illustrations aid in readability and comprehension. 5

HOW LIFE BEGAN.

Lewis Jones. Longman, 1976.
64 pp. $1.50. 0-58253-812-2.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

An interesting and thorough account of the origins of the universe and of life on earth. Complicated ideas are clearly presented and illustrated with photographs, drawings, and diagrams. 5

IS ANYBODY THERE?

Lewis Jones. Longman, 1977.
60 pp. $1.50. 0-58253-149-7.

Series: Books in Easy English.

A fascinating discussion about the probability of forms of life on other planets and our attempts to communicate with them. Since the author has not glossed over difficult concepts or theories, the book requires close reading, but the level and style of the writing is quite accessible, and understanding is aided by photographs, drawings, and diagrams. The use of the metric system and of Great Britain as the point of reference on Earth may cause some difficulty for the inexperienced reader. 5

THE RED GHOST, AND OTHER TRUE ANIMAL STORIES. Steven Otfinoski. Xerox, 1977. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3466-1. Series: PAL Paperbacks.	Stories about the wild American camel, crocodiles, kiwis, sea-horses, and weasels, with many interesting and little-known facts. The book is a mixture of fictionalized history and scientific fact.	5
SCIENCE READER SKILL BUILDERS, Books 3 - 9. Franklyn M. Branley. Reader's Digest, rev. ed., 1982. 128 pp. ea. $3.20 ea. Bk 3 (0-88300-978-1), Bk 4 (-979-X), Bk 5 (-980-3), Bk 6 (-981-1), Bk 7 (-982-X), Bk 8 (-983-8), Bk 9 (984-6). Components: Teacher's guide for series (-992-7) $2.40.	This set is a revision of the Reader's Digest Science Readers recommended in the first edition of this bibliography; it has deleted the more child-oriented reading selections, illustrations, and activity suggestions. The books are collections, at progressively higher reading levels, of articles on various scientific subjects. An interesting and attractive series. Full color illustrations. Answers to the "Fact Quizzes" are not in the books but can be culled from the readings.	5-7+
THIS IS YOUR BODY. James B. Olsen. New Readers Press, 1976. 64 pp. $2.65. 0-88336-537-5. Components: Workbook (-546-4) $2.00.	Information about the systems of the body and how they work, heavily illustrated with drawings reproduced from other publications. Although some of the illustrations could have been clearer, this is nonetheless a very good introduction to human anatomy.	4

THE WORLD OF ANIMALS, FROM PREHISTORIC TIMES TO THE PRESENT.

Mary Verdick. Xerox, 1977.
96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3457-2.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Readable and profusely illustrated descriptions of animals that have been particularly intriguing to man through the ages. Well arranged and quite interesting. 4

See also: CONTENT AREA READING SKILLS: SCIENCE, p. 6.

HOMEMAKING AND CONSUMERISM

ADVERTISING TECHNIQUES and CONSUMER FRAUD.

Nancy Sellers for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory
McGraw-Hill (Gregg), 1980.
108 pp. $3.30. 0-07-047308-0.

Series: Lifeworks.

Components: APL Resource Guide for Series (-043905-5) $3.15.

Actually two titles in one binding, this book contains information on how to sort promises from facts in many different types of advertisements, as well as on how to avoid or report fraudulent consumer practices. Numerous check-ups and activities are included. Answers are in the book. A thorough presentation on an important topic. 6

BE AD-WISE: A GUIDE TO READING ADS.

Jack Canario. Janus, 1981.
64 pp. $3.10. 0-915510-54-5.

Series: Money Matters.

Components: Teacher's manual with answer key included.

A guide to shopping effectively by using ads. This book helps the reader to sift important information from ads and to compare information on similar products. Included are sections on using coupons and interpreting ads for products by mail. 4

BE INFORMED ON BANKING.

Doug Weeks. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $1.20.
0-88336-410-7.

Series: Be Informed.

A brief but comprehensive introduction to basic banking services: savings accounts, checking accounts, and loans. Includes information on how to choose a bank, finding the right type of checking account, personal accounting skills, and how to shop for a loan. Also briefly mentioned are other services available at a bank. Questions and answers appended. 5

BE INFORMED ON BUYING A HOUSE. Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-402-6. Series: Be Informed.	A thorough and understandable introduction to all the considerations involved in buying a home: how much to spend, where to buy, what types of houses to consider, how to determine the condition of the house, what is involved in a closing, how to finance. Also included is a chapter on alternatives to purchasing a single family home. Questions and answers included.	5
BE INFORMED ON MONEY. Fred Morris. New Readers Press, 1971. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-416-6. Series: Be Informed.	Interesting information on the history of money, how money is made, and the U.S. economy, as well as an introduction to personal finances. Questions and answers included.	5
BE INFORMED ON PERSONAL CREDIT. Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-401-8. Series: Be Informed.	An in-depth explanation of the types of credit available to the consumer, including store credit, bank charge cards, and installment buying. Specific information on establishing credit and getting help with credit problems. Questions and answers included.	6

BE INFORMED ON PERSONAL INSURANCE.

Doug Weeks. New Readers Press, 1978. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-405-0.

Series: Be Informed.

An introduction to Social Security, health, and disability and life insurance, including information on how to read policies and find a good agent. A clear presentation on a subject which can be confusing. Questions aid in understanding. Answer key included. 7

BE INFORMED ON RENTING A PLACE TO LIVE.

Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-406-9.

Series: Be Informed.

An excellent pamphlet for the first-time renter. Topics covered include choosing an apartment, understanding leases, fair housing laws, security deposits, furnishings, protecting the apartment, and tenant-landlord relations. 6

BECOMING A CAR OWNER.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1976. 64 pp. $2.65. 0-88336-456-5.

Series: Wheels.

Components: Workbook for series (-458-1) $2.50; teacher's guide for series (-459-X) $2.65.

Complete information to help with all the decisions facing a prospective car owner, whether he is shopping for a new or used vehicle. Included is information on testing the automobile, financing, insurance, registration and licensing, warranties, and servicing. Recommended for general collections as well as for the new reader. 7

BUDGETING.

Follett, 1977. 63 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22177-9.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.20.

A compact, thorough, and practical guide to budgeting. Numerous examples aid in comprehension, and exercises provide plenty of opportunity for practice. Answers in the book. 5

BUYING A HOUSE and BUYING A MOBILE HOME.

Leslie Pickens for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 124 pp. $3.30. 0-07-047302-1.

Series: Lifeworks.

Components: APL Resource Guide for series (-049905-5) $3.15.

This book, actually two titles in one binding, provides a thorough and interesting presentation of information on the two topics covered. The text is realistic about the difficulties of purchasing a home today. It includes a section on the pros and cons of assuming a mortgage but does not cover "creative financing," such as land contracts. The second half of the book will be of interest to readers in suburban and rural areas in which a mobile home provides an affordable and popular alternative to the expense of a house. 6

BUYING GUIDES.

Stephen Udvari and Janet Laible. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 112 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0666-0.

Series: Family Development.

Tips for buying many different types of products, including food, furnishings, appliances, and clothing. Also information on recourse available to the dissatisfied consumer. A useful introduction to wise shopping. Questions scattered throughout; answer key in back. 6

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CARING FOR YOUR CAR.

Phyllis Pogrund and Rosemary Grebel. Janus, 1981. 64 pp. $3.10. 0-915510-59-6.

Series: On Your Own.

Components: Teacher's manual with answer key included.

Although not as thorough, particularly in explanations of the workings of the various systems of an automobile, as Maintaining Your Car (p. 47), this is a very eye-appealing, non-threatening, and easy-to-read manual on basic auto maintenance. (It includes a clear explanation, with diagrams, of how to pump your own gas.) Numerous illustrations. 4

FAMILY MONEY MANAGEMENT.

Stephen Udvari and Janet Laible. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0672-5.

Series: Family Development.

A concise introductory text which emphasizes planning and goal setting in financial management. The book is well-organized and comprehensive and provides opportunity for practice and check-up. Most of the book is about budgeting for needs and income, but there is also information on credit and family financial security (Social Security, life insurance, wills, etc.). 7

FINDING A GOOD USED CAR.

William Fletcher and Patrick Kelly. Janus, 1977. 64 pp. $3.10. 0-915510-19-7.

Series: Janus Survival Guides.

Components: Teacher's manual included.

The text is accompanied by diagrams, checklists, and exercises in this useful and thorough book. An excellent guide to understanding how a car works as well as to examining and road testing a used vehicle. 6

HOW TO ....

Lutheran Church Women, 1977.
4 pp. ea. $.50/set.

A series of nine pamphlets adapted from Simple Home Repairs ... Inside (U.S. Department of Agriculture, Extension Service Program Aid No. 1034). The step-by-step instructions are clearly illustrated. The paper and reproduction are not of the highest quality, but the print is readable. Collected in a small ring binder, the pamphlets would be easier to shelve. Titles are: 3

How to Fix a Crack around the Bathtub
How to Fix a Dripping Faucet
How to Fix or Replace a Bad Plug
How to Fix Problem Doors
How to Patch Holes in the Wall
How to Patch Screens
How to Repair Wood Drawers
How to Replace a Broken Window
How to Set Tile

MAINTAINING YOUR CAR.

Jean Oates. New Readers Press, 1979. 80 pp. $3.25.
0-88336-457-3.

Series: Wheels.

Components: Workbook for series (-458-1) $2.50; teacher's guide for series (-459-X) $2.65.

All the basics of automobile care, inside and out, including fairly thorough explanations of a car's various systems. A troubleshooting chart and maintenance schedule are included. 5

MANAGING YOUR MONEY.

Nancy G. Miller, New Readers Press, 1979. 64 pp. $2.25. 0-88336-464-6.

Components: Workbook (-465-4) $.80.

A manual divided into four parts. The first is short and deals with making a budget. The next is the longest and details ways to save money in nine areas of personal and home expenses. The third section discusses the different needs of different configurations of families and single people. And the fourth section explains banking, credit, estate planning, and debt counseling. Good information on vital topics. 5

MORE FOOD FOR OUR MONEY: FOOD PLANNING AND BUYING.

Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner. EMC, 1979. 60 pp. $3.50. 0-88436-502-6.

Series: Consumer Education.

Components: Workbook, $1.95.

In a contest to determine who can get the most value for a food dollar, a husband and wife learn about shopping wisely. Practical information in a story which holds interest. Workbook not recommended. 4

MORE FOR YOUR MONEY: A GUIDE TO COMPARISON SHOPPING.

Keenan Colton Kelsey and Patricia Parrott Gundlach. Janus, 1981. 64 pp. $3.10. 0-915510-53-7.

Series: Money Matters.

Components: Teacher's manual with answer key included.

A guide to comparing products and stores by such criteria as size, price, durability, and contents or quality according to the needs of individual consumers. A readable and attractive booklet. (We would have liked reference to sources of product evaluations, particularly for expensive purchases.) 4

MOVING ON and GETTING UTILITIES AND SAVING ENERGY.

Leslie Pickens and Nancy Sellers for the Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory. McGraw-Hill (Gregg), 1980. 124 pp. $3.30. 0-07-047303-X.

Series: Lifeworks.

Moving On contains solid, practical advice on moving a household, from deciding what to move to choosing a truck or moving company and packing. Getting Utilities and Saving Energy covers arranging for service, paying bills, and using energy wisely. Plentiful exercises and check-ups are an integral part of each section. Answers are included.

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PAY BY CHECK: A GUIDE TO CHECKING ACCOUNTS.

Janis Fisher Chan. Janus, 1981. 64 pp. $3.10. 0-915510-52-9.

Series: Money Matters.

Components: Teacher's manual with answer key included.

A basic introduction for the adult about to open her first checking account. Although it omits some details which would have been useful, this understandable and well illustrated booklet helps to take the mystery out of a process often intimidating to an adult new reader.

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PEOPLE AND THE CITY: BUYERS BEWARE.

Barbara Love. Scott-Foresman, 1972. 48 pp. $1.85. 0-673-03992-7.

Series: People and the City

An inviting book that discusses such aspects of consumerism as comparison shopping, avoiding pitfalls, and consumer protection. Although the reading level is not easy, the text is chatty, and format and illustrations are appealing.

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PLANNING MEALS AND SHOPPING.

Ann A. Weaver. Pitman, 1970. 58 pp. $2.64. 0-8224-5450-5.

Series: Young Homemakers at Work.

Components: Free teacher's guide available.

A basic guide to nutrition, meal planning, and food shopping. Designed for the homemaker-to-be but appropriate for any age reader. With exercises. 5

PUT YOUR MONEY DOWN: BUYING ON CREDIT.

Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner, EMC, 1979. 60 pp. $3.50. 0-88436-510-7.

Series: Consumer Education.

Components: Workbook, $1.95.

When a family of four with an unemployed father needs a new refrigerator, they explore the various ways of obtaining credit. A realistic story. Workbook not included. 4

STATE YOUR CLAIM! CLAIMS COURT.

Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner, EMC, 1980. 60 pp. $3.50. 0-88436-517-4.

Series: Consumer Education.

Components: Workbook, $1.95.

Jose and Terry Lopez sue a dry cleaners over a spot on a leather jacket. A clear explanation of small claims court in story form. Workbook not recommended. 4

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STUDYING FOR AN OHIO DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Carol Jordan and Rose Tichy. Project: LEARN, 1980. 91 pp. $2.00.

Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group.

Components: Practice Questions for the Ohio Driver's Test, $1.00.

An adaption of Digest of Ohio Motor Vehicle Laws, revised Feb. 1, 1980, this handbook is thorough, understandable, and clearly illustrated with black and white line drawings. It will be useful for the prospective driver who intends to take his test orally as well as for those able to tackle the written exam. It should be a welcome addition to adult basic education collections in Ohio libraries. The Practice Questions provide a good rehearsal for the test. 5

TAKING THE WHEEL.

Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1978. 95 pp. $3.95. 0-88336-455-7.

Series: Wheels.

Components: Workbook for series (-458-1) $2.50; teacher's guide for series (-459-X) $2.65.

Rules of the road and basic driving skills are presented in some detail at an accessible reading level. Included is an interesting and important driving fitness checkup section. 5

USING TRANSPORTATION.

Linda Cabasin, ed. Follett, 1978. 63 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22181-7.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.20.

A workbook which deals with the reading of signs, street maps, route maps for public transportation, schedules, transfers, and taxi meters. Answers included. 7

WHEN THINGS DON'T WORK

Marilyn Thypin and Lynne Glasner. EMC, 1979. 58 pp. $3.50. 0-88436-504-2.

Series: Consumer Education.

Components: Workbook, $1.95.

When his TV breaks down, Gary learns the hard way about the importance of reading the warranty, finding a reputable repair shop, asking for an estimate, and other good consumer practices. Workbook not recommended. 4

YOUNG HOMEMAKER'S COOKBOOK.

Ann A. Weaver. Pitman, 1974. 63 pp. $2.64. 0-8224-7675-4.

Series: Young Homemakers at Work.

Components: Free teacher's guide available.

Recipes for the beginning cook, plus a list of cooking terms, notes on measurement, and menu-making charts. Indexed. 5

See also: BUYING WITH SENSE, p. 32.

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING

ALCOHOL: FACTS FOR DECISIONS.

Gail Lichtman. New Readers Press, 1974. 40 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-512-X.

Components: Exercises (-528-6) $.28.

What is alcohol? How does the human body react to its use? What are our society's attitudes toward drinking? Where is the difference between responsible use and abuse? These and other questions are discussed in a clearly written and attractively illustrated booklet. 6

AS A CHILD GROWS.

Rosanne Keller. New Readers Press, 1979. 32 pp. $1.00. 0-88336-569-3.

Basic information on the needs and abilities of children at various stages of development from birth through five years of age. The emphasis of the book is on love and guidance. A simple introduction to the subject illustrated with simple line drawings, written at a very low level. 3

BE INFORMED ON MENTAL RETARDATION.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1970. 20 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-411-5.

Series: Be Informed.

Chapters on the definitions and causes of mental retardation, prevention, ways of recognizing retardation, and the life of a mentally retarded adult. 4

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BECOMING A MORE EFFECTIVE PERSON.

Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 80 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0668-7.

Series: Family Development.

This book aims to help the reader adjust to change, examine wants and needs, plan and accomplish goals, gain self-direction, and effect change. A well-written book on a topic of interest to many of the adult new readers who reviewed materials for this bibliography, although information on a lower reading level would have been appreciated. 7

CAN YOU GIVE FIRST AID?

Frances M. Bontrager. New Readers Press, 1979. 32 pp. $.95. 0-88336-361-5.

A concise and reliable manual of basic first aid techniques, including the Heimlich maneuver but excluding CPR. 5

CHILD CARE.

Follett, 1981. 64 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22189-2.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide (-22190-6) $1.20.

Advice on raising physically, mentally, and emotionally healthy children, including information on the importance of playing, learning, socializing, and internalizing values in childhood. An interesting, readable, and attractive book on a vital topic. 4

COMMUNICATING WITH OTHERS.

Stephen S. Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 80 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0669-5.

Series: Family Development.

The importance of communication among family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers is discussed, and ways of examining and improving communications are presented. Questions and answers are included. 6

DRUGS: FACTS FOR DECISIONS.

Roger Conant. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 31 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-527-8.

Components: Exercises (-536-7) $.28.

Describes various addictive drugs and their effects. Also includes chapters on emergency treatment for overdose victims, drugs and the law, reasons people turn to drugs, and advice for parents. 5

FAMILY PLANNING.

Follett, 1980. 64 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22184-1.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide (-22198-X) $1.20.

This book is about human reproduction and the prevention of pregnancy. There is also a brief chapter on possible reactions to an unplanned pregnancy. (Infertility and fertility counseling are not covered.) Although this title is not without flaws, it is thorough in its coverage of contraceptive methods and is easy to understand. 5

GETTING HEALTH CARE.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1980. 48 pp. $2.25. 0-88336-541-3.

A concise, clearly written, and thorough guide to health care. Information is included on choosing a doctor or clinic; necessary tests, exams, immunizations, and records; paying for health care; shopping for and using medicine; emergency room care; hospital care; mental health care; and home care and nursing homes. There is also a short but interesting chapter entitled "Other paths to health?" 6

GETTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.

Follett, 1977. 63 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22176-0.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.20.

This book compares different ways in which medical care is available (private physician, clinic, emergency room etc.). There is also information on understanding symptoms and medical history forms and on specialized medical agencies. 4

HAVING A BABY.

Kay Koschnick, ed. New Readers Press, 1973. 168 pp. $3.50. 0-88336-510-3.

This title is made up of the six booklets in the "Having a Baby" series annotated below, plus one entitled "Planning Your Family" (p. 59). A compact and thorough presentation. Recommended for general collections as well as for the adult new reader. 5-6

HAVING A BABY: THE BABY AND THE FAMILY.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1973. 40 pp. $.60. 0-88336-532-4.

A discussion of all the adjustments - physical, financial, emotional - a family must make when a new baby arrives. 5

HAVING A BABY: CONCEPTION AND PREGNANCY.

Norah Shipstone and Karen Winget. New Readers Press, 1973. 43 pp. $.60. 0-88336-531-6.

Descriptions of how conception occurs, the growth of the fetus, and changes in a woman's body during pregnancy. Detailed illustrations. 6

HAVING A BABY: THE FIRST SIX WEEKS.

Katie Baer and Jean Oates. New Readers Press, 1974. 40 pp. $.75. 0-88336-535-9.

The care of infant and mother during the first six weeks after birth is discussed. An excellent introduction for the first-time mother. 6

HAVING A BABY: GIVING BIRTH.

Katie Baer. New Readers Press, 1973. 28 pp. $.60. 0-88336-534-0.

An excellent pamphlet which explains labor, hospital care, delivery, premature birth, breast and bottle feeding, and other considerations on the mind of a woman about to give birth. 6

HAVING A BABY: PRENATAL CARE.

Katie Baer. New Readers Press, 1973. 24 pp. $.60. 0-88336-533-2.

A mini-handbook for the expectant mother, including information on diet, medical care, minor problems of pregnancy, possible dangers, and preparation for the new baby. 5

HAVING A BABY: THE UNWED MOTHER.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1975. 22 pp. $.66. 0-88336-530-8.

A straightforward presentation of the alternatives available to and the decisions facing the single woman who is pregnant. Addresses of the national offices of various counseling, medical, and legal organizations that can assist are included. 6

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND SANITATION.

Stephen S. Udvari and Janet Laible. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0671-7.

Series: Family Development.

Topics covered include handling emergencies, giving first aid, home safety, and recognizing and treating illnesses at home. A clear, concise presentation. 6

HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH.

Nancy Raines Day. New Readers Press, 1980. 80 pp. $2.95. 0-88336-540-5.

A home reference book on health habits (including information on exercise and dealing with stress and change), working with a doctor, recognizing and treating illness at home, first aid, and understanding medications. This attractive book is excellent for the general collection as well as for the new reader. 5

LEARNING GAMES FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS.

J. Ronald Lally and Ira J. Gordon. New Readers Press, 1977. 80 pp. $2.95. 0-88336-565-0.

Simple field-tested games and play activities for parents and their children from 2 to 24 months. Instructions are clear and easy and to follow and are enhanced by drawings. 5

MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY and CHILD-REARING PRACTICES.

Sheila Corwin. McGraw-Hill, 1981. 156 pp. $3.42. 0-07-013198-8.

Series: Lifeworks.

Components: APL Resource Guide (-049905-5) $3.15.

Two books, on related topics, in one binding. Each is well written and emphasizes love, patience, and understanding. The format invites reader participation and is designed to stimulate further thinking. The reading level varies from 4th to 8th grade. 5

PLANNING YOUR FAMILY.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 2nd rev. ed., 1976. 14 pp. $.50. 0-88336-520-0.

A discussion of the use and relative effectiveness of various methods of birth control. Includes information on where to go for assistance in both pregnancy prevention and fertility problems. 4

TOBACCO: FACTS FOR DECISIONS.

Nancy Raines Day. New Readers Press, 1978. 32 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-527-8.

Components: Exercises (-513-8) $.28.

An introduction to the history, uses, and effects of tobacco, including attitudes toward smoking and laws governing the sale and advertising of smoking materials. Suggestions of ways of quitting or cutting down smoking are also offered. 6

UNDERSTANDING YOURSELF.

Stephen S. Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. 0-8114-0670-9.

Series: Family Development.

This text covers such topics as building self-confidence, working with one's heredity and environment, getting motivated, improving mental health through physical care, and establishing values. A good presentation. 6

VD: IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1971. 15 pp. $.50. 0-88336-521-9.

A concise but thorough explanation of the symptoms and cures for several venereal diseases. Stresses the importance of early treatment and informing sexual partners. 5

WHEN A BABY IS NEW.

Rosanne Keller. New Readers Press, 1979. 48 pp. $1.25. 0-88336-568-5.

In spite of the primitive drawings and somewhat simplistic approach to a subject on which everyone has an opinion, this booklet offers valid advice on how to deal with a newborn baby. The emphasis is on love and patience. 3

YOUR FAMILY.

Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0673-3.

Series: Family Development.

Thought-provoking information on families and the different needs and relationships of individual members. Included are discussions about getting along as husband and wife and child development. 6

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FILLING OUT JOB APPLICATION FORMS (Text/Workbook).

John McHugh. EMC, 1981. 64 pp. $2.65. 0-88436-786-X.

Series: Practical Job Skills.

Components: Reader (-785-1) $3.50; teacher's guide free with 10 copies.

Solid information on how to fill out employment application forms, followed by twelve actual forms with which the reader can familiarize himself and practice. A glossary of terms used in the text is appended. 146

FINDING A JOB (Reader).

John McHugh. EMC, 1981. 58 pp. $3.50. 0-88436-783-5.

Series: Practical Job Skills.

Components: Text/workbook (see entry immediately below); teacher's guide free with 10 copies.

The story of young Nancy Morales's attempts to find a job and how she learns to improve her search. A good illustration of job-seeking techniques. 5

FINDING A JOB (Text/Workbook).

John McHugh. EMC, 1981. 80 pp. $2.65. 0-88436-784-3.

Series: Practical Job Skills.

Components: Reader (see entry immediately above); teacher's guide free with 10 copies.

Information on using "help wanted" ads, working through employment agencies, and applying directly for jobs, as well as on exploring other ways of getting jobs, such as through friends and relatives, in military service, and by entering a training program. A glossary of terms is included. 6

FINDING WORK.

Follett, 1977. 64 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22175-2.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.20.

An attractive and easy-to-follow workbook on job seeking, with the emphasis on using want ads, but also including information on filling out application forms and assessing personal qualifications. Answers are in the book. 4

GETTING READY FOR THE WORLD OF WORK.

Fiona Armstrong, et. al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 179 pp. $3.96. 0-07-002517-7.

Series: Lifeworks.

Components: APL Resource Guide for series (-049905-5) $3.15.

Information on filling out application forms, using employment agencies, reading and replying to want ads, and applying for a social security number. Each section is followed by numerous exercises and suggestions for further activities. Answers are in the book. Designed for use in classrooms, this is also a useful book for adults working alone, although the independent reader may well skip some of the exercises. 5

INTERVIEWING FOR JOBS (Text/Workbook).

John McHugh. EMC, 1981. 63 pp. $2.65. 0-88436-788-6.

Series: Practical Job Skills.

Components: Reader (-787-8) $3.50; teacher's guide free with 10 copies.

Good tips in a well organized format. Included is a lengthy section of practice at recognizing mistakes being made in interviews by young job applicants. A list of 45 commonly asked interview questions is appended. 6

JANUS JOB INTERVIEW GUIDE.

Arnold Livingstone. Janus, 2nd ed., 1977. 80 pp. $3.30. 0-915510-15-4.

Components: Teacher's manual, with answer key, included.

After an introduction of tips for a successful interview, the reader "observes" fifteen interviews through photographs and dialogue and is asked to rate them. Comprehension questions and puzzles (both of negligible value) also follow each interview. Although most of the job hunters are newly graduated from high school, two are older. Good practice for adults as well as young adults. 6

JANUS JOB PLANNER.

Wing Jew and Robert Tong. Janus, 1976. 88 pp. $3.20. 0-915510-15-4.

Components: Teacher's manual included.

This title is designed for young adults, and some of the exercises are meaningless for adults. It is included, however, because of its unique and useful approach to helping the job-seeker inventory and evaluate his interests, experience, skills, attitudes, and values, as well as his feelings about the relative importance of working conditions and pay. 6

JOB INTERVIEWS.

Follett, 1978. 64 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22180-9.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide, $1.20.

A thorough, step-by-step discussion of the job interview process including information on setting up an interview, being prepared with pertinent information, dressing, planning answers to the questions, and asking appropriate questions. 5

JULIE AT THE PUMPS.

Phyllis Larned. Janus, 1977. 40 pp. $2.10. 0-9155i0-17-0.

Series: People Working Today.

Components: Teacher's manual included.

Except for a somewhat syrupy ending, this is a solid story about Julie Soong's search for and growth in a job that suits her talents and personality. Good ideas and information on choosing an occupation in a fiction format. The central character is a recent high school graduate. 4

OCCUPATIONS 1.

Caroline Blakely, ed. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1975. 64 pp. $2.25. 0-88336-493-X.

Human interest stories about people in various occupations and descriptions - covering qualifications, working conditions, benefits, and job outlooks - of those occupations. Areas of work covered are service (including government), paraprofessional assistance, hotel and restaurant, driving, and skilled labor. Salaries are out of date, but other information remains current. An attractive and interesting presentation of the subject. 5

OCCUPATIONS 2.

Dennis Schroeder, ed. New Readers Press, 1974. 64 pp. $2.25. 0-88336-494-8.

Semiskilled labor, skilled labor, technical clerical, sales, professional assistance, self-employed, and supplementary income occupations are covered in the same format as are the vocations in Occupations 1. 5

OUT OF WORK.

Stephen Ludwig. New Readers Press, 1975. 56 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-496-4.

After defining unemployment and discussing its scope, this timely book deals with coping with the feelings and practicalities of being unemployed: unemployment insurance, welfare, family money management, job training, etc. Although the reading level is high, interest in the topic will help to overcome reading difficulties. 7+

PAYCHECK: WHAT MIKE, RALPH, AND LOU LEARNED ABOUT THEIR TAKEHOME PAY.

Follett, 1974. 32 pp. $1.89. 0-695-22025-X.

Series: Accent/Jobs.

An introduction to payroll deductions in story form, with exercises at the end of each chapter. In spite of the simplistic sounding title, a thorough discussion of the topic. 5

A REALISTIC JOB SEARCH.

Fiona Armstrong, et. al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 168 pp. $4.35. 0-07-002518-5.

Series: Lifeworks.

Components: APL Resource Guide for series (-049905-5) $3.15.

This worktext concentrates on planning and writing resumes, writing cover letters, preparing for interviews, and taking employment tests. Plenty of exercises and opportunities for practice and self-evaluation. 7

THE REALITY OF WORK AND PROMOTION. Fiona Armstrong, et. al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 168 pp. $4.35. 0-07-002519-3. Series: Lifeworks. Components: APL Resource Guide for series (-049905-5) $3.15.	Among the topics covered in this text/ workbook are the first days on the job, health and safety precautions, getting along with supervisors and co-workers, understanding paychecks, unions, what to about discrimination, and working toward promotion.	5
TONY, THE NIGHT CUSTODIAN. Steven Otfinoski. Janus, 1977. 40 pp. $1.85. 0-915510-21-9. Series: People Working Today. Components: Teacher's manual included.	After struggling through special education classes and working as a custodial assistant, Tony Capella graduates from high school and becomes a night custodian. His experiences give him the confidence to go back to school to improve his reading and to study building maintenance.	4
WORKING WITH OTHERS. Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed. 1978. 80 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0667-9. Series: Family Development.	Basic information on finding a job opening, applying for a job, interviewing, getting along on the job, and understanding paychecks. Exercises to aid in comprehension and self-evaluation. Answers in the book. A good comprehensive handbook.	7

YOU AND OTHERS ON THE JOB.

Doug Weeks. New Readers Press, 1979. 48-64 pp. $4.00/set. 0-88336-479-4.

Components: Teacher's guide (-48-08) $1.25.

A set of three titles intended to develop skills for handling personal problems and interpersonal relations on the job. Each book is the realistic story of a worker new to his or her field and the adjustments and accomodations that he or she must make. In Carlos: With My Own Hands a furniture worker learns about unions and the importance of controlling and channeling his anger. In Melanie: Proving Myself a legal secretary learns to cope with a no-nonsense supervisor, work rules, and the various personalities of her co-workers. The menswear salesman in Paul: But What Suits Me? finds a job suited to his talents and interests and learns to recognize the abilities - however different from his own - of others in his department. Thought-provoking questions at the end of each chapter.

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YOU AND THE WORLD OF WORK.

Fiona Armstrong, et al. McGraw-Hill, 1980. 134 pp. $3.60. 0-07-002515-0.

Series: Lifeworks.

Components: APL Resource Guide for series (-049905-5) $3.15.

The reader learns to select the right job by assessing personal interests, abilities, experience, education, and needs. Includes information on vocational counseling and testing. This worktext is oriented toward classroom use but could be used by the independent reader, who would no doubt eliminate some of the exercises. Answer key included.

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LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

AMERICA: LAND OF CHANGE.

Alan Shapiro, et al. SRA, 1970. Various pagings. $18.00/set.

Components: Set of workbooks, $7.95; teacher's guide for series, $5.14.

Six paperback books dealing with various topics in American history. They are written with a thematic approach and make no attempt at comprehensive coverage. Intended for urban high school students, the titles will also be of general interest: 6-7

Black: Story of Negroes in America
Growth: Growth of American Cities, Industries
People: Old and New Immigrants in America
Power: America and Other Nations
Promise: America's History from 1607 to 1865
Rights: Law, Government and the Bill of Rights

AMERICAN ADVENTURES, Volumes 1-4.

Ira Peck and Steven Jantzen. Scholastic, new ed., 1979. 176-224 pp. $4.95 ea.

Components: Teaching guide for each volume, $4.50.

A most interesting, readable, and attractive history of the United States. Lavishly illustrated in color with maps, photographs, contemporary drawings, paintings, and political cartoons. It is also available in a one-volume hardcover edition, but the bulk and length of that format make it more intimidating to the adult new reader. The paperbound volumes are: 6

A Nation Conceived and Dedicated: Prehistory to 1840 (0-590-34062-X)
Old Hate - New Hope: 1840 to 1898 (-34063-8)
Coming of Age: 1898 to 1939 (-34064-6)
Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow: 1939 and After (-34065-4)

AMERICA'S EARLY YEARS.

Thomas A. Rakes and Annie DeCaprio. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 114 pp. $2.25. 0-8114-0746-2.

Series: Living in America.

A presentation of American history to 1900 which includes the contributions of minority groups. Relevant exercises and reviews and interesting sidebars add to the usefulness of this text/workbook. Answers in the book. 5

BE INFORMED ON POLLUTION.

Kay Koschnick. New Readers Press, 1974. 40 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-420-4.

Series: Be Informed.

An introduction to the different types of pollution and how they affect us, including discussions of possible solutions to the problems. Some difficult vocabulary. Exercises and answers appended. 6

BE INFORMED ON POPULATION.

Gail S. Lichtman. New Readers Press, 1974. 24 pp. $1.20. 0-88336-419-0.

Series: Be Informed.

A pamphlet on population growth and its impact on the quality of life. Exercises and answer key included. 7

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BECOMING A U.S. CITIZEN.

Follett, 1982. 64 pp. $2.49.
0-695-22278-3.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide (-22279-1) $1.20.

All the basics in a simple (low sixth grade level) text. Included is information on U.S. history and government which will be helpful for the naturalization examination. Answers are in the book.

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BEING AN INFORMED CITIZEN.

Stephen S. Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, 1978. 80 pp. $2.64.
0-8114-0665-2.

Series: Family Development.

An excellent book covering such topics as citizens' rights and responsibilities, voting, public opinion polls, mass media, and distinguishing between information and propaganda. Includes exercises and answers.

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CIVIL JUSTICE.

Scholastic, 1978. 224 pp. $4.45.

Series: Living Law.

Components: Teaching guide, $4.50.

Thorough coverage of all aspects of civil law, including consumer law, damages and injuries, and family law. Although this book is above the maximum reading level set for this bibliography, it is included because of the importance of the topic and the scarcity of material on this subject at low reading levels. Written for use in high school classrooms, it is also usable by adults, who will probably skip some of the suggested activities. Clearly written and attractively arranged.

7+

CONSCIENCE VERSUS LAW.

Bernhard Feder. Globe, 1975. 89 pp. $3.88. 0-87065-567-1.

Series: Case Studies in American Experience.

The fight against slavery and the struggle for black civil rights are used as vehicles for a discussion of ways that have been used to change unjust laws and practices in the United States: from peaceful demonstrations and civil disobedience to radical protest. The text is thought-provoking, and suggestions for further reading are given. Exercises and answers are included.

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CRIME AND THE LAW.

Maxine Phillips. New Readers Press, 1982. 64 pp. $2.95. 0-88336-515-4.

A discussion of the criminal justice system, with information on the rights of suspects and defendants, duties of and help for witnesses, assistance for victims, and responsibilities of jurors. Well organized and clearly written.

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CRIMES AND JUSTICE.

M. Cherif Bassiouni, et al. Houghton-Mifflin, 1974. 101 pp. $3.76. 0-395-17613-1.

Series: Justice in America.

In this book the reader is introduced - through a series of case studies and discussions - to the legal process for handling offenders and is asked to evaluate the seriousness of various crimes and to think of ways to reduce crime. A thought-provoking book for the advanced adult new reader.

7+

CRIMINAL JUSTICE. Scholastic, 1978. 220 pp. $4.45. Series: Living Law. Components: Teaching guide, $4.50.	A comprehensive presentation of the criminal justice system in the United States: the laws, the enforcement agencies, the court system, and the prisons. Although it is at a fairly difficult reading level, this title is included because it is well written, includes numerous examples to aid in comprehension, and is about a subject not well covered in materials with lower reading levels.	7+
CULTURES IN CONFLICT. Bernard Feder. Globe, 1977. 89 pp. $3.88. 0-87065-569-8. Series: Case Studies in the American Experience.	Case studies of clashes between American Indians and the United States government, from 1830 to 1973. Interesting and provocative exercises (in rather small print) but no answers.	7
DEMOCRACY IN ACTION. Thomas A. Rakes and Annie DeCaprio. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 140 pp. $2.25. 0-8114-0748-9. Series: Living in America.	A thorough discussion of American government (federal, state, and local), citizenship, and law, with exercises at the end of each chapter and review activities every several chapters. Packed with information, including the texts of the Constitution and its Amendments. Answers in the book.	7

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GOOD TIMES - BAD TIMES: AMERICA FROM 1876 TO 1945.

Mary Verdick. Thomas Mooney, ed. Xerox, 1977. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3453-X.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

A light social history (á la People magazine) which should be particularly interesting to those who lived it, or part of it. There is mention of American Indian resistance to western expansion and of women's struggle for the vote but not of any other "minority" activities. Told in many black-and-white photographs and a few words. 4

GOVERNMENT AND VOTING: PART 1, GOVERNMENT BY THE PEOPLE.

Katie Baer. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 72 pp. $2.85. 0-88336-489-1.

A concise yet thorough and understandable discussion of the U.S. Constitution and federal government. Illustrated with photographs. 7

GOVERNMENT AND VOTING: PART 2, THE PEOPLE'S POWER.

Katie Baer. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1976. 48 pp. $2.85. 0-88336-490-5.

An interesting and thought-provoking discussion of how individuals influence government in the United States - in the voting booth, through political parties, and by lobbying - with emphasis on the importance of individual involvement. 6

THE GOVERNMENT AND YOU.

Follett, 1982. 64 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22276.

Series: Follett Coping Skills.

Components: Teacher's guide (-22277-5) $1.20.

A discussion of U.S. governments - federal, state, and local - and the political process. Fairly comprehensive in the extent of its coverage but not detailed in any area, it is quite understandable. Answers are in the book. 5

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HISTORY ATLAS OF OUR COUNTRY. Hammond, 1976. 47 pp. $2.60. 0-8437-7435-5.	A book of very simple maps printed in bold colors. Each map has accompanying narrative which is at a high reading level, but the maps can be used alone or as supplementary illustrations with other texts.	7
HOW TO REGISTER AND VOTE. Katie Baer. New Readers Press, 1972. 14 pp. $.50 0-88336-495-6.	A basic guide for the prospective voter which provides all the necessary information in a step-by-step format.	5
THE LAW AND YOU. Follett, 1981. 64 pp. $2.49. 0-605-22193-0. Series: Follett Coping Skills. Components: Teacher's guide (-22194-9) $1.20.	An elementary introduction to aspects of the law most likely to affect the average citizen. After a chapter defining law, lessons deal with law as it relates to housing, jobs, family, contracts and crime. Also included are brief chapters on getting legal help and courtroom behavior. It is difficult to write a book on this subject at a fourth grade reading level; although there are some omissions in this book, it succeeds, by and large, in the task. Answers are in the book.	4
O, PROMISED LAND: A MULTI-CULTURAL READER. John M. Dennis. Newbury House, 1982. 134 pp. $6.95. 0-88377-237-X.	Poignant stories about twelve immigrants, from Japan, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Germany, Russia, Ireland, England Vietnam, and China. There are comprehension questions, questions to stimulate further thought, and word story questions. Some of the exercises are more useful for students of English as a second language than for English-speakers, and some are classroom oriented. Answers are in the book.	4

OUR UNITED STATES.

Caroline Blakely and Manbere Wolde, eds. New Readers Press, rev. ed., 1974. 64 pp. $2.65. 0-88336-486-7.

Components: Workbook (-497-2) $2.10.

One-page descriptions of each of the states and territories as well as of Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal Zone (which section needs updating). Profusely illustrated with photographs and maps. 4

PEOPLE AND THE CITY: CRIME AND SAFETY.

Eugene Dunlop. Scott Foresman, 1972. 48 pp. $1.85. 0-673-03863-7.

Series: People and the City.

A discussion of crime and criminals, from the big-time operator to the petty thief. Includes statistics and questions for thought and discussion. 7

PEOPLE AND THE CITY: MOVING IN.

Stanley Dean. Scott Foresman, 1972. 48 pp. $1.85. 0-673-03859-9.

Series: People and the City.

Excerpts from books and articles which detail the experiences and feelings of those who have recently moved into large urban areas. Very appealing format. Questions to stimulate thought are included. 7

PLACES TO VISIT IN CLEVELAND: MUSEUMS. Virginia Hassler. Project: LEARN, 1979. 33 pp. $.50. Series: Project: LEARN Writers Group.	Brief descriptions of fifteen museums and historic sites in the Cleveland area, with hours, fees, and telephone numbers included. There is also a page on how to find out about other museums.	5
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. Solomon Wiener. Regents, 1970. 192 pp. $2.95.	A compact handbook packed with information on American history and government and on immigration and naturalization. Included are the complete texts of several important American documents (which constitute the "and up" designation in the reading level). A chapter on "Interesting Miscellaneous Information" includes a list of all the Presidents, a chart of weights and measures, and a description of U.S. currency.	7 and up
SETTLERS IN AMERICA. Barbara Woller Lowrie and Wendy Stein. New Readers Press, 1977. 64 pp. $2.95. 0-88336-498-0.	Descriptions of the characteristics, struggles, and accomplishments of various groups of immigrants. Each chapter ends with an annotated list of famous persons. The photographs are excellent and add to this book's readability.	5

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THIS LAND IS OUR LAND: THE AMERICAN DREAM. Sandra Sanders Breuer, ed. Scholastic. 1974. 160 pp. $2.75. Series: Contact.	A collection of short stories, essays, and plays about the American dream and struggles to achieve it. Although the book was written for young adults, its appeal is not limited to teens.	5
TWENTIETH CENTURY AMERICA. Thomas A. Rakes and Annie DeCaprio. Steck-Vaughn, 1979. 124 pp. $2.25. 0-8114-0747-0. Series: Living in America.	A clear, concise, and interesting history text which does not ignore the contributions of minorities, women, and "ordinary citizens" to the development of the United States. Well prepared exercises at the end of each chapter and in the review sections. Answers in the book.	5
USING COMMUNITY RESOURCES. Follett, 1977. 64 pp. $2.49. 0-695-22178-7. Series: Follett Coping Skills. Components: Teacher's guide, $1.20.	Lessons on using the telephone directory to locate community services. Important for its emphasis on helping the reader to apply skills to finding information and assistance in his own community.	6

WHAT IT TAKES: DEVELOPING SKILLS THROUGH CONTEMPORARY LIVING. Thomas Clayton, Pitman, 1972. 140 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-7400-X. Components: Teacher's guide free.	Through a continuing story about the Johnson family, focusing on the teenage son, the reader is exposed to the problems of living in a broken home, reasons for staying in school, functions of a special learning class, ways of getting along with others, methods of fire prevention, and other topics. Although the book is lengthy and covers several seemingly disparate topics, its reading level is quite low, and it can be used in sections.	3
WHERE TO GO, WHO TO SEE, WHAT TO DO. Stephen Udvari. Steck-Vaughn, rev. ed., 1978. 96 pp. $2.64. 0-8114-0674-1. Series: Family Development.	Information about resources available in the community to help with social, medical, mental health, legal, financial, housing, recreational, and occupational problems. Includes exercises and answers.	7+

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OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES

THE CHRISTMAS STORY. Margaret Taub. New Readers Press, 1972. 22 pp. $.90. 0-88336-570-7.	A retelling of the story of the birth of Jesus, illustrated with black-and-white sketches.	4
GOOD NEWS FOR NEW READERS, Series A - D. American Bible Society, 1973-76. Various pagings. Series A: 8 leaflets, $.05 ea. Series B: 10 leaflets, $.05 ea. Series C: 10 leaflets, $.05 ea. Series D: 7 stories in one binding, $.55.	Parables and stories from the life of Christ. Attractively illustrated and presented. Unfortunately, Series A - C are printed in coverless pamphlets of thin paper; they need to be reinforced for multiple circulations.	5
THE INTERMEDIATE WORLD ATLAS. Hammond, 1979. 79 pp. $3.88. 0-8437-7466-5.	Topographical maps presented in a manner which is simple but not so simplified as to be useless. An abbreviated index, gazeteer, and glossary of maps, terms and abbreviations is included. The difficult text may be ignored and the maps used alone or in conjunction with other reading materials.	7+

THE SECRET SHIP. Ruth Kluger and Peggy Mann. Doubleday, 1978. 136 pp. $5.95. 0-385-11328-5. Series: Signal Books.	The true story of a young woman's rescue of thousands of Jews from the Nazi holocaust. Some of the proper names are difficult, and the twistings and turnings of the plot are not easy to follow, but for someone interested in the subject, the reading is compelling.	4
THE STORY OF JESUS, Parts 1 - 3. Frank C. Laubach, retel. New Readers Press, 1963. 61 - 63 pp. $1.95 ea. Pt. 1, 0-88336-501-4; Pt. 2, -502-2; Pt. 3, -503-0.	Part 1 is entitled "Jesus' Birth and Ministry," Part 2 "Jesus' Death and Resurrection," and Part 3 "The Parables of Jesus." Part 3 includes some explanation and interpretation. These books have proved appealing to adult new readers interested in the subject.	6
TEN PSALMS. Lois Flemming, adap. New Readers Press, 1980. 31 pp. $1.00. 0-88336-504-9.	A booklet of ten of the most popular Psalms rewritten in easy language and illustrated with attractive black and white line drawings.	3
WORLD HISTORY AND YOU, Books 1 and 2. Vivian Bernstein. Steck-Vaughn, 1982. 140 ea. $2.64 ea. Bk 1, 0-8114-0859-0; Bk 2, -0860-4. Components: Teacher's guide free on request.	A wide-angle overview of world history, which concentrates on Europe and the United States but does not ignore Asia, the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America. A list of new words precedes each chapter and questions follow. Answers are in the teacher's guide.	5

WORLD WAR II RESISTANCE STORIES.

Arthur Prager and Emily Prager. Watts, 1979. 90 pp. $8.40. 0-531-02296-X. (Also: Dell, 1979. $1.25. 0-440-99800-X).

Five vignettes about ordinary people who risked - and sometimes lost - their lives working in the Underground. The stories are compelling and illustrated with fine drawings which add to the text. An index and brief bibliography are included. 6

See also: CONTENT AREA READING SKILLS: SOCIAL STUDIES, p. 6.

STORIES OF TODAY

ARCHIE, JR.

Brenda Blount and Fay Richardson. Dynamic Programs, rev. ed., 1976. 71 pp. $2.95.

Series: Archie Series.

When Archie, Jr., is blinded by a gang beating and sent to relatives in the country to recover, Archie, Sr., becomes a community activist. Conversations in black dialect add authenticity, and the few typographical errors do not detract from the story. This tiitle follows The Bridge (below) in the series. 4

BEN'S GIFT.

Cynthia Barnett. New Readers Press, 1981. 64 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-705-X.

Series: Sundown Books.

Ben has been protected and cared for all his life, so the seemingly simple task of selecting, wrapping, and delivering an anniversary gift to his brother - with whom there is an uneasy relationship - becomes a symbolic challenge for this thirty-seven-year-old man afflicted with cerebral palsy. 3

THE BRIDGE.

Leonard W. Miller. Dynamic Programs, rev. ed., 1974. 111 pp. $2.95.

Series: Archie Series.

From his days as a hard-drinking day worker who had not finished high school to his life as a wage-earning family man with his diploma, Archie struggles to improve himself and to help others to do the same. Conversations in black English add realism to a story which is good reading in spite of some technical and typographical errors. 5

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DARK TO BRIGHT FUTURE.

Fay Richardson. Dynamic Programs, 1976. 61 pp. $2.50.

Series: Turk Tonelli Series.

Don (Turk) Tonelli, whose story begins in Winning Twice (p. 88), completes basic training, falls in love, and is sent to Vietnam, where he gains insight into himself and begins to plan for his future. 5

A DREAM WITH STORMS.

Fran Reed. New Readers Press, 1979. 64 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-703-3.

Series: Sundown Books.

A compelling and sympathetic story about a migrant worker's wife who yearns to attend school to become a teacher's aid. Rosa resolves conflicts with her husband, and the whole Ramirez family benefits from her new experiences. 4

THE DROP-IN.

Peggy Mann. Scholastic, 1979. 127 pp. $2.95.

Series: Double Action.

Chuck drops out of high school to marry Charlene and raise a family. When his wife leaves him with a six-month-old child, he is faced with some difficult decisions and, with the help of his family, goes back to school to earn his diploma. 4

THE FAMILY FROM VIETNAM.

Tanna Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 57 pp. $2.49. 0-8224-4320-1.

Series: Lifetimes.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $12.00.

A refugee family is separated during an airlift from Vietnam, and Mai and her children spend their first year in the United States without Set. The story tells of their experiences in resettlement camps, in the home of their sponsoring family, and in their own apartment, until they are reunited with Mai's husband. 3

THE FIREFIGHTER.

Stuart James. Scholastic, 1979. 126 pp. $2.95. 0-590-30588-3.

Series: Double Action.

In a book which interweaves interesting information about training to be a firefighter with a plotline, a rookie firefighter suspects that one of his colleagues is trying to kill him. Several students interviewed for this bibliography requested books about firefighting. 4

GYPSY.

Al Nussbuam. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5260-1.

Series: BesTellers.

Components: Teacher's guide for series (-5376-2) $3.18.

A gypsy biker begins a career in motorcycle racing after taking the place of an injured friend for his first race. 4

JUAN AND LUCY.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 57 pp. $2.49. 0-8224-4317-1.

Series: Lifetimes.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $12.00.

A short and simple story in which a young couple dates, lives together, marries, discovers fertility problems, adopts children and experiences the birth of their child. Juan and Lucy work out their differences and problems, and the reader is encouraged to think about many of the issues raised by means of discussion questions at the end of each chapter. A realistic portrayal. 3

THE OTHER SIDE OF YELLOW.

Jessie Redding Hull. New Readers Press, 1980. 64 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-706-8.

Series: Sundown Books.

When Brad Jensen tries to beat a red light and strikes and kills a young boy, he is forced to re-evaluate his relationship with his family, deal with his guilt, and resolve conflicts within himself. The story is realistically - except, perhaps, for that portion dealing with Brad's brief prison term - and compassionately told. 3

PAT KING'S FAMILY.

Karen McFall. New Readers Press, 1977. 64 pp. $1.95. 0-88336-328-3.

A young wife deserted by her husband develops an understanding of her failed marriage as she learns to take responsibility for herself and her two young children. A sensitive story. 3

A PLACE FOR EVERYONE.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 58 pp. $2.49. 0-8224-4318-X.

Series: Lifetimes.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $12.00.

A 40-year-old woman returns to school to improve her reading skills and to start preparing for the G.E.D. exam. Despite her mother's illness, which forces her to quit classes, she is able to fulfill another ambition - establishing her own sewing business. Each chapter is followed by questions which encourage the reader to relate the story to her own life. 4

ROSINA TORRES, LPN.

Herma Werner and John Pineat. Scholastic, 1979. 127 pp. $2.95. 0-590-30592-1.

Series: Double Action.

A newly graduated LPN is initiated into her hospital routine by a seemingly unsympathetic, hard-headed supervisor. There is a hint of romance in this story on a subject often requested by the student reviewers for this bibliography. 5

SAVING THE BIG-DEAL BABY.

Louise Armstrong. Dutton, 1980. 42 pp. $7.95. 0-525-38805-2. (Also: pap., $2.50, -45050-5.)

Series: Skinny Books.

A young mother seeks help in dealing with her anger and the stresses of parenthood in this readable novel about child abuse. Written for young adults but on a topic of interest to all ages. 3

THE SHOPLIFTING GAME.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 59 pp. $2.49. 0-8224-4819-8.

Series: Lifetimes.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $12.00.

A young woman who "can't stop" shoplifting is forced to re-examine her values when she is caught. The story is somewhat repetitive but contains interesting information on the effects of shoplifting and the legal process after an arrest. 4

SO LONG, SNOWMAN.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. 58 pp. $2.49. 0-8224-4321-X.

Series: Lifetimes.

Components: Curriculum Guide for series, $12.00.

A young man recalls his life, from getting kicked out of high school to becoming addicted to drugs, stealing, and beating the woman with whom he lived. In the last chapter the reader learns that 18-year-old Billy is telling his story from jail but that he is determined to make a new start.

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STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED and IT'S NOT RIGHT, IS IT?

Susan Bennett. Longman, 1972. 88 pp. $1.75. 0-582-53769-X.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Two interesting stories in which circumstance and coincidence play a large part in changing the main characters' lives.

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TAKE CARE OF MILLIE.

Jessie Redding Hull. New Readers Press, 1980. 64 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-704-1.

Series: Sundown Books.

Millie faces the world without her husband of forty years. After some misunderstandings with her daughter, she comes to grips with her situation and makes her own decisions about the life she wants to live. A moving and compassionate story.

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A TIME TO CHOOSE.

Tana Reiff. Pitman, 1979. $2.49. 0-8224-4322-8.

Series: Lifetimes.

Components: Curriculum guide for series, $12.00.

A family man is faced with choosing between the glory and promise of a budding racing career and the stability of a job as a head mechanic, a job that would also allow him more time for his wife and children. Bob has not made his choice by the end of the book, but he has learned that his wife deserves an equal voice in the decision. 4

WINNING TWICE.

Fay Richardson. Dynamic Programs, 1976. 68 pp. $2.50.

Series: Turk Tonelli Series.

When Don Tonelli wins big money in a bowling tournament, it builds his confidence to finish high school and go into business. But his father loses Don's money in a swindle, and Don joins the Army to escape the life he sees ahead of him. His story is continued in Dark to Bright Future, p. 83 . 5

THE AIR FREIGHT MYSTERY.

W. E. Butterworth. Scholastic, 1979. 128 pp. $3.18.

Series: Double Action.

Steve Davis, an employee of Global Airways, becomes involved in a smuggling operation. When he works with management to solve the mystery, he is rewarded with the opportunity to work in Security, fulfilling a long-held ambition. A believable story with an ingenious twist. 5

THE ANIMALS.

Earle Rice, Jr. Pitman, 1979. 58 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5361-4.

Series: BesTellers.

A downed and blinded United States Air Force pilot is aided by the French Resistance and returns to the war to destroy a German air squadron bent on assasinating Churchill. Exciting and well plotted. 4

BAD MOON.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1979. 56 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5362-2.

Series: BesTellers.

Karl Baumer, private detective, investigates the murder of a magician on the 13th anniversary of his death. An intriguing mystery with a surprise ending. 4

THE BLACK CAT.

John Milne. Heinemann, 1975. 47 pp. $1.50.

Series: Heinemann Guided Readers.

When an archeologist is murdered, Inspector Salahadin of the Egyptian police begins a dangerous international search for the Black Cat from a pharoh's tomb. Maps, diagrams, line drawings, and pages from the inspector's notebook aid in understanding. 4

BURIED ALIVE, AND OTHER TRUE STORIES OF ESCAPE.

Mary Verdick, ed. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $.95. 8374-3531-5.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven accounts of survivors of a blizzard, an airplane crash, a shipwreck, a fire, a prisoner-of-war camp, a mine cave-in, and an escape from a chain gang. Based on actual events. 5

THE CANDY MAN.

Steve Bradley. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-3224-5265-X.

Series: BesTellers.

A vacation in New York City turns into a nightmare for Peg Johnson when she discovers a statue packed with heroin in her coat pocket. 3

CARGO.

A. B. Poole. Scott, Foresman, 1982. 64 pp. $1.98. 0-673-24130-0.

Series: Adult Readers Library.

After a trucker is killed in an "accident" and $50,000 worth of marijuana is found in his truck, Nick Bannon takes over the the rig in an attempt to clear his cousin's name and find the murderers. Full of action and humor, this story is John D. MacDonald for the adult new reader. 5

CASES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES.

Arthur Conan Doyle. William Kottmeyer, adap. McGraw-Hill, 1974. 118 pp. $4.25. 0-07-033734-9.

Series: Webster Everyreaders.

"The Adventure of the Speckled Band," "The Red-Headed League," "The Adventure of the Six Napoleons," and "The Adventure of the Empty House" rewritten at an attractively low level but without loss of the flavor of the original stories. Also included is an interesting chapter about Doyle and the writing of the Holmes stories. 3

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CLINT MAGEE.

L. G. Alexander. Longman, 1976.
59 pp. $1.50. 0-582-53682-0.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

A weak sheriff is powerless to stop the gang which dominates his town and stirs up trouble with the Indians. Decent, honest, kind, square-jawed Clint Magee - a local rancher - saves the day! Good reading illustrated with line drawings. 3

COUNTERFEIT!

W. H. Wheeler. Pitman, 1979.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5363-0.

Series: BesTellers.

Interpol agents crush a counterfeiting ring centered in Honduras. The plot is sometimes difficult to follow as it shifts viewpoint from chapter to chapter, but the story is interesting and suspenseful. 4

CRASH DIVE.

Lee Frederick. Pitman, 1977.
59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5259-5.

Series: BesTellers.

A fascinating account of a World War II battle between a German U-boat and an American destroyer. The delineation of character makes this more than an adventure story. 4

THE DEMETER STAR.

A. F. Oreshik. Pitman, 1977.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5270-4.

Series: BesTellers.

Scuba divers face great dangers in attempts to recover treasure from a sunken cargo ship. Suspenseful and satisfying. 4

DIAMONDS IN THE DIRT.

Archie Campbell. Pitman, 1977.
44 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5269-8.

Series: BesTellers.

Unknown to its young owners, the new racing track of the Eldorado Moto Cross Club has been built over $2,000,000 worth of stolen diamonds. An improbable but easy-to-follow plot. 4

FALLING STAR.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980.
57 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-1081-8.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Insurance investigator Laura Brewster becomes suspicious when a heavily insured Hollywood star is killed in an accident. 4

FAST FOOD KING.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980.
58 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-1082-6.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Reginald Bumpo, developer of the Bumpo Burger, is poisoned by his company's new secret-formula hamburger sauce, and Laura Brewster is sent to investigate. 4

FLIGHT TO FEAR.

Tom Belina. Pitman, 1977.
59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5252-2.

Series: BesTellers.

Linda Logan escapes from a hijacked plane in a Central American jungle and brings rescue. Plenty of action and excitement. 3

FORTY DAYS LOST.

Ben East. Crestwood, 1979.
47 pp. $2.95. 0-89686-050-7.

Series: Survival.

Seven men survive for forty days after their plane makes an emergency landing in the wilderness of Northern Quebec. A compelling true story. 6

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FROZEN TERROR.

Ben East. Crestwood, 1979. 47 pp. $2.95. 0-89686-057-4.

Series: Survival.

Fisherman Lewis Sweet is trapped on an ice flow in Lake Michigan and survives many frightening mishaps in his danger-ridden return to shore. Outdoor Life editor Ben East recounts the suspenseful true story. 5

THE GOLD BUG, AND OTHER

Edgar Allan Poe. William Kottmeyer, adap. McGraw-Hill, 1975. 119 pp. $4.25. 0-07-033735-7.

Series: Webster Everyreaders.

Three Poe stories (including "Murders in the Rue Morgue" and "The Stolen Letter") followed by an interesting chapter on decoding secret messages. 3

HIS CHUTE DIDN'T OPEN: TRUE STORIES OF DANGER AND DARING

Mary Verdick. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $1.25. 8374-3524-2.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

A grab bag of adventure stories: a parachute that doesn't open, a ship wreck, an avalanche, attack by a grisly bear, and a robbery. Characters are young but not teenagers. 4

HOUSE OF LAUGHS.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980. 57 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-1084-2.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Laura Brewster investigates the death of a friend at the Superama Amusement Park and narrowly escapes death herself. A double entendre helps to solve the mystery. 4

JANE EYRE.

Charlotte Bronte. Evelyn Attwood, adap. Longman, rev. ed., 1978. 148 pp. $1.95. 0-582-52825-9.

Series: Longman Simplified English.

An adaptation of the original which pares away description and soliloquy to leave the good gothic romance exposed for the adult new reader. 6

JOHNNY TALL DOG.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1981. 73 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-6733-X.

Series: Talespinners.

Johnny Tall Dog, half Sioux Indian and half white man, returns to his tribe and becomes involved in a conflict between the two peoples of his heritage. 4

MAN IN THE CAGE.

Lis Eisenberg. Pitman, 1981. 75 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-6728-3.

Series: Talespinners.

Ann Iwasaki's frightening adventure begins when she discovers a dead man in one of the pet shop's cages. 4

MISSING! STORIES OF STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES.

Daniel Cohen. Dodd, Mead, 1979. 111 pp. $5.95. 0-396-07648-3. (Also: Pocket Books, $1.95, 0-671-56052-2).

Series: Dodd Mead Hi-Lo.

Although the reading level is high, the interest level is also high in this anthology of stories about missing persons whose cases have never been solved. A fascinating book for the advanced new reader. 7

MURDER IN THE LANGUAGE LAB.

M. L. Allen. Newbury House, 1979. 43 pp. $1.95. 0-88377-130-6.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

A super-chimp helps to solve a murder. Suspense laced with humor. Student reviewers were interested in the fact that a chimpanzee can be taught to communicate in symbols. 4

THE NIGHT THE SKY LIT UP: TRUE STORIES OF ADVENTURE.

Freida Andrews. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3530-7.

Series: Pal Paperbacks.

Accounts of a hotel fire, an auto accident, a shipwreck, a hurricane, and a hijacking. 3

NORTH TO OAK ISLAND.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5271-6.

Series: BesTellers.

Stowaway Will Andrews gets caught up in piracy on the high seas when he finds himself on the ship of the notorious Black Kate. The story is fiction, but the buried treasure of Oak Island is thought to be real, and many attempts have been made to recover it. See also: Earth's Hidden Mysteries (p. 105). 4

REAL-LIFE ADVENTURES: THIRTEEN TRUE TALES OF COURAGE.

Mary Verdick, comp. Xerox, 1973. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3507-2.

Series: PAL Paperbooks.

Thirteen very short accounts of survival, escape, endurance, rescue, and danger. Compelling reading illustrated with line drawings. 4

A SCANDAL IN BOHEMIA: SEVEN SHERLOCK HOLMES STORIES.

Arthur Conan Doyle. Ronald Holt, adap. Longman, 1976. 89 pp. $1.75. 0-58253-850-5.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Although these stories are written at quite a low level, they retain the feel of the originals and are good reading. Of the seven stories, only "The Red-Headed League" is found in another Holmes collection recommended in this bibliography. Illustrated with photographs. Exercises are appended, but they are of little use. 4

SECRET SPY.

Albert Martin. Pitman, 1979. 56 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5368-1.

Series: BesTellers.

A suspenseful spy thriller involving a switched tape recorder and an unsuspecting traveler. The enemy agent is revealed by his pronunciation of the letters of the alphabet! Fun and exciting. 4

SO WILD A DREAM.

Christopher Florentz. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5272-8.

Series: BesTellers.

Beth Ferguson is entrusted with the delivery of a secret message to American troops during the Revolution. She gets through British lines but on the return trip is captured and forced to reveal the identity of a spy she has come to love. 4

THE SPY WHO NEVER WAS, AND OTHER TRUE SPY STORIES.

David C. Knight. Doubleday, 1978. 136 pp. $6.95. 0-385-13108-9.

Series: Signal Books.

A compelling collection of spy stories, truly suspenseful and based on fact. Most of them take place during wars, and a basic knowledge of American and European history would be helpful to the reader. 7

STORIES OF SURPRISE AND WONDER.

Robert R. Potter. Globe, 1979. 182 pp. $3.20. 0-87065-280-X.

Components: Teacher's guide free upon request.

Short stories of suspense and the supernatural in which the unexpected happens. Adapted from such authors as Chekhov, O. Henry, and Jerrome K. Jerrome, the stories retain the flavor of the originals. Each story is preceded by definitions of some of the words which might prove troublesome to the adult new reader and followed by excellent exercises to aid in understanding and critical thinking. 5

TALES OF ESCAPE.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9189-3.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Three war stories of escape or survival based on actual incidents. Interesting tales written in simple language. 4

TALES OF EXPLORERS.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9189-3.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Stories of Kon-Tiki's voyage from Peru to Polynesia, the first men to reach the North Pole, and the first to climb Mt. Everest. 4

TALES OF PIRATES.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9189-3.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventure.

Episodes in the lives of Si Rahman, Blackbeard, and Madam Ching. Entertaining reading for the adult beginning reader. 3

TALES OF RAILROADS.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1972. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9189-3.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Stories of a fight to save a British railroad yard from bombs during World War I, the rescue of a snowbound train, and the capture of a train full of Union spies by Confederate soldiers are told at an easy reading level. 4

TALES OF RESCUE.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9190-7.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Stories of rescue from a sinking ship, a mine cave-in, and an Arctic island, told in a non-sensational, low-key narrative. 3

TALES OF SHIPWRECK.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9187-7.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Accounts of the rescue of $10,000,000 in gold from the ocean floor and the raising of the Normandie from New York Harbor during World War II as well as of the survival of an English ship during an 1889 hurricane in the Samoan Islands. 4

TALES OF SPIES.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1972. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9195 .

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Three true tales of spies, including Mata Hari. Intriguing reading at a very low level. 3

THREE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Frances Johnston, adap. Longman, 1976. 59 pp. $1.95. 0-582-53470-4.

Series: New Method Supplementary Readers.

"The Speckled Band" (also retold in Cases of Sherlock Holmes, page 90), "The Five Orange Pips," and "The Crown of Diamonds" in readable and faithful renditions. 4

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THREE MILE HOUSE.

Jim McAliffe. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5254-6.

Series: BesTellers.

When Bob Riley takes on a job delivering mysterious packages for an eccentric rich man, he finds himself hunted on the streets of San Francisco. Smooth, quick-moving plot. 3

TIGER, LION, HAWK.

Earle Rice, Jr. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-553-20867-5. (Also: Bantam, $1.75, 0-553-20867-5.)

Series: BesTellers.

To avenge the deaths of his brother and friend, Flying Tiger Drew Elsmore battles Japan's Lion of the Skies in the air over World War II China. A realistic, compassionate, and exciting telling. 4

TIGER ROSE.

Lisa Eisenberg. Pitman, 1980. 59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-1086-9.

Series: Laura Brewster Books.

Laura Brewster, insurance investigator, goes undercover at a stable where a valuable race horse and her stable hand have been killed. 3

TRAPPED IN DEVIL'S HOLE.

Ben East. Crestwood, 1979. 47 pp. $2.95. 0-89686-056-6.

Series: Survival.

Two experienced fisherman are trapped in a steep canyon in a remote wilderness area until their daring rescue. Common sense and outdoor experience help them survive after they fail at an attempt to escape. A true adventure. 6

THE VERLAINE CROSSING.

Steven Otfinoski. Pitman, 1977. 44 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5264-9.

Series: BesTellers.

Action-packed adventure on a fastmoving passenger train. The changing identities of the characters from good guys to bad and back again are confusing but not impossible to untangle. 4

WET FIRE.

W. H. Wheeler. Pitman, 1977. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5273-0.

Series: BesTellers.

Thomas Garcia, the director of an art museum, and Lola Taggert, a magazine writer, endure the attacks of leaches, insects, and snakes in the jungles of Borneo to recover the lost golden statutes of an ancient people. 4

WUTHERING HEIGHTS.

Emily Bronte. Evelyn Attwood, adap. Longman, 1944. $1.95. 0-582-52318-4.

Series: Longman Simplified English.

The story of Catherine and Heathcliff is as wild and wonderful in this abridgement as it is in the original novel. For the advanced new reader. 7

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THE ACTOR

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
43 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6432-2.

Series: Specter.

Great Uncle Bill's photograph is Alex Bolt's key to a successful - if ghostly - acting career. 3

BEDFORD FEVER.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1982.
75 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-1930-0.

Series: Doomsday Journals.

A mysterious and deadly disease grips the Bedford Hotel in Davenport, Australia, and the greatest minds in medical science are powerless to stop its spread. Although this is the least interesting story in this excellent series, it is thought provoking and could lead to further discussion. 5

BERMUDA TRIANGLE.

Howard Schroeder. Crestwood,
1978. 48 pp. $2.95.
0-913940-81-X.

Series: Search for the Unknown.

Stories of mysterious disappearances in the Bermuda Triangle - from fifteenth century myths about the Sargasso Sea to recent accounts - are told in a straightforward, non-sensational style. Two popular titles on the subject are also discussed: The Bermuda Triangle, by Charles Berlitz (which suggests that UFO's are responsible for the vanishing ships and airplanes) and The Bermuda Triangle Mystery Solved, by Lawrence Kusche (which offers logical explanations for all of the most famous disappearances). Compelling reading. 6

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COMET!

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1982.
72 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-1931-9.

Series: Doomsday Journals.

The scientific community scoffs at Professor Wolinski's idea that Ryan's comet will collide with Earth, but Dr. Lancaster finds overwhelming proof of the theory just before the comet devastates the planet. 4

CREATURES FROM UFO'S.

Daniel Cohen. Dodd, Mead, 1978.
115 pp. $5.95. 0-396-07582-7.
(Also: Pocket Books, $1.50,
0-671-29951-4.)

Series: Dodd, Mead Hi/Lo.

Very interesting recountings of reported experiences with visitors from outer space. The reader is asked to judge the validity of each report from the evidence. Enjoyable reading. The reading level is high because of the large number of multisyllabic words. 7

DEAD MOON.

Leo P. Kelley, Pitman, 1979.
59 pp. $3.18.
0-8224-3204-8.

Series: Galaxy 5.

Space traveler Don Chadrow saves his companions Steve and Ellen from a mind-controlling machine on a lifeless moon. 4

A DEADLY GAME.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
41 pp. $3.18.
0-8224-6434-9.

Series: Specter.

A deadly chess set turns against its owner after killing off his adversaries and building him a fortune. 3

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THE DEATH OF GRASS.

John Christopher. David Fickling, adap. Oxford, 1979. 96 pp. $2.95. 0-19-424232-3.

Series: Alpha.

A good retelling of a science fiction story about the dying of all the world's grasses and peoples' desperate struggles in a brutal environment in which only "the fittest" can survive. Although the reading level is low, the print is small and the book long; this is a title for the adult reading on a higher level who wants the satisfaction of finishing a long, but readable, book. 3

DREAM OF THE DEAD.

Marie Seth. Pitman, 1977. 59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5256-0.

Series: BesTellers.

Diana's mind is taken over by the ghost of a Scottish girl who died 200 years ago. A gothic romance/horror story with the traditionally satisfying ending. 3

DREAMS.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979. 25 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6435-7.

Series: Specter.

A recurring nightmare about a devastating accident haunts a newly-employed train porter. Short and simple. 3

THE EAR.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979. 57 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6436-5.

Series: Specter.

An artist who believes himself to be Van Gogh reincarnated cuts off his ear and sends it to his friend, who can only rid herself of it by flying to France and burying it in Van Gogh's grave. 3

EARTH TWO.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979.
59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6379-2.

Series: Space Police.

Retired Space Police Commander Carlos Ocola rejects life in the Retirement Center and finds fulfillment refurbishing an abandoned space station. 3

EARTH'S HIDDEN MYSTERIES: ACCOUNTS OF MANKIND'S UNSOLVED PUZZLES.

Carl Cohen. Xerox, 1974.
95 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3506-4.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Brief but tantalizing discussions of the Bermuda Triangle, the statutes of Easter Island, the jinx ship Mary Celeste, witchcraft, UFO's, and the Oak Island treasure pit. Further reading for the adult new reader on some of these subjects include Bermuda Triangle (p. 102) and North to Oak Island (p. 95), a fiction title. 5

EIGHT GHOST STORIES.

S. H. Burton. Longman, 1979.
73 pp. $1.75. 0-582-54078-X.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Eight short modern day ghost stories. Illustrated with drawings. Predictable but fun, in the "Twilight Zone" tradition. 4

THE FACE ON THE SCREEN, AND OTHER SHORT STORIES.

Paul Victor. Longman, 1978.
43 pp. $1.50. 0-582-53676-6.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Each of these three compelling stories - reminiscent of those on "The Twilight Zone" - ends with a surprising twist. Light, spine-tingling reading. 3

THE '57 T-BIRD.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
36 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6437-3.

Series: Specter.

A haunted car seriously injures one owner after another - all of them named Edward. 3

FINAL WARNING.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1982.
75 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-1932-7.

Series: Doomsday Journals.

Radical activist Holly Lewis and her scientist brother conspire to teach the world a lesson about the dangers of nuclear power, with tragic consequences of mammoth proportion. This is more difficult reading than other titles in the series because of some technical language and the fact that the point of view skips around a bit. 6

FIREBALL.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1982.
75 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-1933-5.

Series: Doomsday Journals.

A suspenseful story about highly explosive liquified natural gas being shipped to Galveston in a giant supertanker. Point of view shifts from Galveston to the advancing supertanker or back with each chapter, but the shifts are clear. Compelling reading. 4

GHOSTLY TERRORS.

Daniel Cohen, 1981. Dodd, Mead,
1981. 126 pp. $6.95.
0-396-07966-2.

Series: Dodd, Mead Hi/Lo.

"True" stories of ghosts and spirits. One of the best of the author's many titles about the bizarre and frightening. Illustrated with photos and line drawings. 6

GOODBYE TO EARTH.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-3201-3.

Series: Galaxy 5.

Steve Estrada and Ellen Drake complete their rigorous training in Space School and take off on their long journey toward Planet 1, Star 84, Galaxy 5. The first title in a "Star Trek"-like series. 4

HOMECOMING.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
52 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6438-1.

Series: Specter.

Helen is saved from death at the hands of her uncle by the spirit of a handsome young man who died over 200 years ago. Gothic suspense and romance. 4

I DIED HERE.

George Shea. Pitman, 1979.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5364-9.

Series: BesTellers.

A man murdered in Greece in another life feels compelled to bring the murderers to justice. Predictable but fun. 4

KING OF THE STARS.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979.
59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-3206-4.

Series: Galaxy 5.

Astronauts Don, Steve, and Ellen help Halgo defeat King Yarro's silver soldiers in an intergalatic battle of good against evil. 4

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LIVING MONSTERS: TRUE STORIES OF REAL MONSTERS.

Ann Marie Drozd. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3471-8.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Reports of sightings of the Loch Ness Monster, the Abominable Snowman, Bigfoot, and lesser-known monsters. Some of the stories are believable (Old Mose, the giant bear, for instance) and others farfetched (such as Mothman). 3

THE LOST LOVE, AND OTHER STORIES.

Jan Carew. Longman, 1978. 28 pp. $1.50. 0-582-53690-1.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Four entertaining and eerie short stories in English settings. There are a few British spellings and expressions, but they do not interfere with comprehension. The appended exercises are not particularly helpful. 3

LOST VALLEY.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1981. 75 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-1934-3.

Series: Doomsday Journals.

A secret scientific expedition discovers a tropical prehistoric valley in Antarctica. 5

THE MAN WHO FELL TO EARTH.

Walter Tevis. David Fickling, adap. Oxford, 1979. 96 pp. $2.95. 0-19-424231-5.

Series: Alpha.

An excellent adaptation of the popular book - and film - about a lonely visitor from another planet and his mission on Earth. Very well done, but lengthy; despite its low reading level, it is for the more advanced reader. 4

ME, MYSELF, AND I: SEVEN SCIENCE FICTION STORIES.

Lewis Jones, adap. Longman, 1975. 75 pp. $1.75. 0-582-53844-0.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Fine adaptations of seven intriguing stories by such notables as Isaac Asimov, Ray Bradbury, and Arthur C. Clarke. 4

THE MONSTER THAT WOULDN'T DIE, AND OTHER STRANGE BUT TRUE STORIES.

Steve Otfinoski. Xerox, 1976. 94 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3497-1.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven "true" stories (some of them fictionalized accounts) about mermaids, monsters, ghosts, mummies, witchcraft, and oddities. 4

NO RENT TO PAY.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979. 51 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6439-X.

Series: Specter.

A young couple discovers that they have rented a house from a dead woman! 4

ON THE RED WORLD.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-3202-1.

Series: Galaxy 5.

Space travelers Ellen Drake and Steve Estrada help to save a planet from ravaging robots and then continue on their mission, taking their new friend Don Chadrow. 4

OUTER LIMITS OF THE MIND: MYSTERIES OF THE POWER OF THE HUMAN MIND.

Betty Joan Burr. Xerox, 1974.
96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3515-3.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Stories about hypnosis, ESP, reincarnation, visions, possession, mind healing, and the sensitivity of plants, including chapters on Edgar Cayce and Bridey Murphy. 5

PSYCHIC STORIES STRANGE BUT TRUE.

Linda Atkinson. Watts, 1979.
95 pp. $8.40. 0-531-02861-5.
(Also: Bantam, $1.50,
0-553-14823-0)

Series: Triumph Books.

Accounts of personal experiences with mental telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, psychokinesis, and out-of-the-body travel. Includes a chapter on scientific opinions on psychic phenomena and one of experiments for the reader to try. Some difficult vocabulary. 4

THE SEEP.

Dudley Bromley. Pitman, 1982.
75 pp. $3.48. 0-8224-1935-1.

Series: Doomsday Journals.

Dangerous chemicals which have seeped into the water supply cause violent and savage behavior in people and animals. Rod Milner must find the cause. 3

SILVABAMBA.

Dan D'Amelio. Pitman, 1977.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5255-8.

Series: BesTellers.

Two explorers stumble into a lost jungle world in which pygmies raise giant animals to protect themselves. 3

STAR GOLD.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5369-X.

Series: BesTellers.

Two humans, an alien, and a "half-breed" are helped to escape from the prison planet, Earth, by an interstellar entrepreneur who wants his daughter rescued from Alban Kidnappers. Plenty of laser beam combat. 4

TALES OF MYSTERY AND THE UNKNOWN.

Robert Potter, adap. Globe, 1976. 214 pp. $4.08.
0-87065-276-1.

Components: Teacher's guide free on request.

An unusually good collection of mystery, science fiction, and supernatural tales. Adapted from originals by well-known authors. Reading aids include pages of definitions and exercises to aid in understanding, drawing inferences, and vocabulary building. 6

THE TIME TRAP.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1977.
59 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-5253-4.

Series: BesTellers.

Two young time travelers on a photographic assignment into the past of Planet X-12 foil treachery and find love among the killer insects and singing flowers. 3

TRUE GHOST STORIES: TALES OF THE SUPERNATURAL BASED ON ACTUAL REPORTS.

Pat McCarthy. Xerox, 1974.
96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3478-5.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Fictionalized accounts of dealings with ghosts. Fun for the buff. 4

UFO'S.

Lewis Jones. Longman, 1978.
64 pp. $1.50. 0-582-53149-7.

Series: Books in Easy English.

A well-written, fairly detailed discussion of reports of UFO sightings and efforts to substantiate and coordinate the facts. Includes interesting information on how "evidence" can be faked. Illustrated with diagrams and photographs. 5

VACATION IN SPACE.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-3202-X.

Series: Galaxy 5.

While recovering from space fever on the "vacation planet," Steve Estrada nearly succumbs to the wiles of the beautiful Sybil, an inter-galactic slave trader. 3

WHERE NO SUN SHINES.

Leo P. Kelley. Pitman, 1979.
60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-3205-6.

Series: Galaxy 5.

Lured by a call for help, the crew of the Voyager are captured and sold as pets to giant beings who live underground. 4

ZB4.

Anita Jackson. Pitman, 1979.
68 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6433-0.

Series: Specter.

A chilling and suspenseful science fiction tale about a spy who changes bodies for each new case. A well-developed story and one of the best recommended in this section. 4

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BIG LEAGUE PITCHERS AND CATCHERS.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 168 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4907-5.

Series: Target Books.

The sports lives of nine baseball immortals of the past whose feats and records are impressive even to those not steeped in the lore of the game. Of particular interest to Cleveland area fans are the stories of Cy Young and Bob Feller. 5

CATCH THE SUN.

Eve Cowen. Pitman, 1981. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6475-6.

Series: SporTellers.

Marathoner Deena LaSalle finds a way to combine her Onondaga Indian heritage and her skills as an experienced architect in the design for a New York City sky-scraper. 4

CHAMPIONS ALL: TWELVE STORIES OF FAMOUS SPORTS

Ken Lane, ed. Xerox, 1972. 93 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3510-2.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Short accounts of famous - and one not so famous - athletes who persevered to reach their goals. Included are stories about Wilma Rudolph, Roger Bannister, Wilt Chamberlain, and Lee Trevino. 5

THE CHOPPER BUNCH, AND OTHER REVVED-UP TALES.

Jay Schleifer. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3492-0.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven non-fiction selections about choppers, vans, cannonballing, demolition derbies, custom cars, and dream cars. Illustrated with black-and-white photographs, this title should be of interest to the motor enthusiast. 5

FEAR ON ICE.

Earle Rice, Jr. Pitman, 1981. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6476-4.

Series: SporTellers.

Hockey player Neal Calder learns that his chosen sport is, indeed, a tough and violent game and that if he is to make it in the NHL he must fight as well as skate. This book has a message with which some will disagree. 4

FOOTBALL REPLAY.

Bennet Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1973. 168 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4904-0.

Series: Target Books.

The story of the game of football, concentrating on great games, players, and coaches. Since the emphasis is on earlier history, the book should be enjoyed by older readers and will not date quickly. 6

THE GREATEST SPORTS STARS: THE ALL-TIME BEST.

Pierre Conan. Xerox, 1978. 95 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3527-7.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Part I features Jim Thorpe and Babe Didrikson as "The Greatest All-Around Athletes," while Part II chooses Babe Ruth, Jimmy Brown, Jack Dempsey, and Jesse Owens as the greatest in their individual sports. The author acknowledges that there is always room for argument about selections of this kind! (In fact, the book might well be used as a discussion-starter.) The stories of Jimmy Brown and Jesse Owens will be especially interesting to Clevelanders. 4

HANG GLIDING.

Dorothy Childers Schmitz. Crestwood, 1978. 30 pp. $3.25. 0-89686-015-9.

Series: Funseeker.

A book about a sport that is fun to read about even if one has no inclination to attempt it. Illustrated with beautiful color photographs. The text stresses safety and preparation as well as the thrill of gliding. 5

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HEROES OF THE HOME RUN.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1973. 168 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4903-2.

Series: Target.

Short biographies of nine sluggers in the Baseball Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, and Ted Williams. Interesting reading about timeless heroes. The book is well formatted and illustrated with numerous photographs. 5

JIMMY YOUNG, HEAVYWEIGHT CHALLENGER.

Edward F. Dolan, Jr., and Richard B. Lyttle. Doubleday, 1979. 83 pp. $5.95. 0-385-14097-5.

Series: Signal Books.

Even for the reader who is not a boxing enthusiast, this is an interesting and well-written biography of Jimmy Young from his early boxing days to his defeat by Muhammad Ali. It is refreshing to read about a good and dedicated athlete whose successes have not included "The Championship." 5

SHADOW OF THE PAST: TRUE LIFE SPORTS STORIES

Robert Sorenson, Xerox, 1978. 95 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-0042-2.

Series: Bluejeans Books.

Stories about sports figures Wilma Rudolph, Rocky Bleier, Nadia Comaneci, Hank Aaron, Micki King, Bill Walton, and Donald Campbell - all of whom overcame fears or made comebacks. Illustrated with photographs. Unfortunately, the book ends on a depressing note. 5

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SKYDIVING.

Jerolyn Nentl. Crestwood, 1978. 32 pp. $3.25. 0-89686-008-6.

Series: Funseeker.

An attractively laid out and illustrated presentation of the elements of skydiving, including history, types of diving, equipment, and training. Interesting even to those who will never put on a parachute. 6

SPORTS: A MIRROR OF OUR SOCIETY?

Charles Wrye, ed. Scholastic, 1975. 160 pp. $3.67.

Series: Contact.

An anthology of stories, essays, and plays on sports - their place in our society, their effects on individuals involved, and the future of games in today's world. An interesting and unusual approach to the subject. 5

SPORTS LEGENDS (Series), selected titles.

James and Lynn Hahn. Crestwood, 1981. 48 pp. ea. $3.25 ea. (paperback).

A series of fifteen competently written sports biographies illustrated with black and white photographs. Most of the subjects have passed the peaks of their careers and become "legends," so the titles are less likely to go out of date than books about rising stars. Librarians will want to choose titles according to the interests of their clienteles. For our model collection we selected four titles, three because of their almost universal appeal, and one of particular interest to Clevelanders: 5-6

Ali! (0-89686-145-7)
Brown! (-143-0)
Thorpe! (-138-4)
Zaharias! (-137-6)

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STROKE OF LUCK.

Christopher Ransom Miller. Pitman, 1981. 60 pp. $3.18. 0-8224-6482-9.

Series: SporTellers.

When swimmer Jan Fisher is shattered by finishing fourth in the women's 100-meter Olympic trial finals, she begins to wonder if fame and approval have become more important to her than doing her own personal best. 3

THE SUPER SHOWMEN.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 167 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4909-1.

Series: Target.

Biographies of three show biz greats - Harry Houdini, Will Rogers, and Walt Disney - who led unusual lives. The book is well laid out and illustrated with good black and white photographs. 6

SUPERSTARS OF SPORTS.

William Folprecht and Diane Lefer. Newbury House, 1979. 42 pp. $1.95. 0-88377-157-8.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

Short selections about Bob Richards, Gertrude Ederle, Jim Thorpe, Babe Didrickson, Pele, Bill Bradley, Pete Rose, and Jesse Owens. Exercises to aid in comprehension and a glossary are included. An interesting and attractive book which does not assume sports knowledge of the reader. 4

TALES OF SPEED.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $2.19. 0-8224-9194-X.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

In these readable narratives, Stirling Moss wins the British Grand Prix, Donald Campbell is killed breaking the water speed record, and Richard Petty tops $1,000,000 in winnings to set a record in stock car driving. 4

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THREE JAZZ GREATS.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1973. 167 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-9194-X.

Series: Target Books.

W. C. Handy, Louis Armstrong, and Duke Ellington are the subjects of this collective biography which also includes a glossary of "Jazz Talk" and a good index. 6

TV: BEHIND THE TUBE.

Joseph Claro, ed. Scholastic, 1974. 160 pp. $3.67.

Series: Contact.

A collection of essays, TV scripts, comic strips, quizzes, and poems. Aspects of television covered include the importance of TV in American life, TV as big business, the effects of TV viewing, and ways to improve programming. A good book for stimulating thought and starting discussions. 6

FAMOUS PEOPLE AND FANTASTIC FACTS

AGAINST ALL ODDS: TRUE STORIES OF THOSE WHO OVERCAME.

F. A. Jameson. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3504-8.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Brief biographies of people who overcame great odds: Ray Charles, Cesar Chavez, Helen Keller, Wiley Post, Shirley Chisholm, Audie Murphy, Thomas Edison, and Janice Joplin (whose presence is strange in this company). For the most part, interesting and inspiring. Illustrated with photographs. 5

BLACK CRUSADERS FOR FREEDOM.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 168 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4910-5.

Series: Target.

Biographies of Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Booker T. Washington. The sketches do more than chronicle events; they give the reader a feeling for the personalities and emotions of the characters. Illustrated with photos and line drawings. 4

EACH ONE TEACH ONE: A STORY ABOUT FRANK LAUBACH.

Judith Spearing. Project: LEARN, 1981. 62 pp. $.75.

Series: Project: LEARN Writers.

The story of a Christian missionary's work with the Moro people of the Philippines and his successful efforts to write their language and teach them to read. This was the beginning of Dr. Laubach's literacy work, which is carried on today in the United States by the organization Laubach Literacy Action. 3

FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS.

John T. King and Marcet H. King. Steck-Vaughn, 1975. 128 pp. $2.46. 0-8114-0449-8.

Two-page biographies of forty-five black Americans from past and present, followed by comprehension questions and exercises. Included are several lesser known figures. One or two of the current biographies would profit from updating, but the collection is nevertheless interesting and useful. 4

FAMOUS CRIMEFIGHTERS.

Robert D. Larranga. Lerner, 1970. 78 pp. $4.95. 0-8225-0459-6.

Series: Pull Ahead Books.

The stories of twelve criminologists who pioneered such widely used techniques as fingerprinting, forensic medicine, and handwriting analysis. Intriguing information in an attractively illustrated and arranged book. 7

FIGHT FOR FREEDOM: EXCITING STORIES OF REAL PEOPLE.

William Lefkowitz. Xerox, 1976. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3503-X.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven short biographies of Americans from the Revolutionary War era. Some - like George Washington and Andrew Jackson - will be recognized by many, while others - such as Deborah Sampson, Paul Cuffe, Sybil Ludington, and Phyllis Wheatley - are less famous but no less interesting. 4

FOUR TOOK FREEDOM.

Philip Sterling and Rayford Logan. Doubleday, 1967. 116 pp. $2.50. 0-385-03844-5.

Series: Zenith Books.

Biographies of Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Robert Smalls, and Blanche K. Bruce. Well researched and presented. 6

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FOUR WOMEN OF COURAGE.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1975. 167 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4911-3.

Series: Target Books.

Fascinating biographies of Helen Keller, Linda Richards, Dorothea Dix, and Jacqueline Cochran, written in a readable style. 4

FRAUDS, HOAXES, AND SWINDLES.

Daniel Cohen. Watts, 1979. 92 pp. $8.40. 0-531-02295-1. (Also: Dell, $1.25, 0-440-92699-5.)

Series: Triumph.

Six con men or hoaxes - including Clifford Irving's bogus biography of Howard Hughes and schemes to convince people that they are the missing heirs to the Sir Walter Drake fortune - are described. A chapter on fraud in today's world rounds out the book. 5

GREAT DISASTERS: FAMOUS TRAGEDIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

Pat McCarthy, ed. Xerox, 1974. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3477-7.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Stories of the San Francisco earthquake, Chicago fire, wreck of the Titanic, burning of the Hindenburg, and four other famous disasters. Illustrated with photographs and contemporary drawings. Interesting reading without being sensationalized. 6

GREAT IDEAS!

Martha B. Arduff and Eileen J. Seaward. Newbury House, 1980. 63 pp. $2.80. 0-88377-159-4.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

Short readings about inventions which have become commonplace items in modern life. From the ballpoint pen and false teeth to the vacuum cleaner and blue jeans, the subjects make entertaining reading. Comprehension exercises (but no answers) are included. 6

INCREDIBLE CRIMES.

Linda Atkinson. Watts, 1980. 96 pp. $8.40. 0-531-04170-0. (Also: Bantam, 1981, $1.50. 0-553-14938-5).

Series: Triumph.

The stories of five of the most daring robberies and swindles of the last 100 years. An intriguing book illustrated with interesting contemporary photos. 5

INDIAN PATRIOTS OF THE GREAT WEST.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 167 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4906-7.

Series: Target Books.

Biographies of Sitting Bull (Sioux), Crazy Horse (Sioux), Quanah Parker (Comanche), and Chief Joseph (Nex Perce). The pace of the readings could be a bit faster, but they are thought-provoking. 6

MEN OF THE WILD FRONTIER.

Bennett Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 167 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4905-9.

Series: Target Books.

The biographies of four adventurers who helped to push the American frontier westward: Daniel Boone, Andrew Jackson, Davy Crockett, and Sam Houston. Indian Patriots of the Great West (above) is a good counterpoint to this title. 5

PORTRAITS OF AMERICANS.

Lewis Jones, adap. Newbury House, 1979. 33 pp. $1.95. 0-88377-141-1.

Series: Newbury House Readers.

Short biographies of four unusual Americans of disparate backgrounds and interests: Grandma Moses, Jesse Ownes, P. T. Barnum, and Snowshoe Thompson. Comprehension questions appended. 4

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PROFILES: A COLLECTION OF SHORT BIOGRAPHIES.

Zacharie Clements and Leon T. Burrell. Globe, 1975.
231 pp. $3.74. 0-87065-917-0.

Components: Teacher's guide free upon request.

Twenty-four interesting and well-written biographies of men and women of different races, backgrounds, and professions who have contributed to American life. The book was written for children, and many of the instructions for the exercises are condescending to adults, but the exercises can be skipped. 4

SINGERS OF THE BLUES.

Frank Surge. Lerner, 1969.
63 pp. $4.95. 0-8225-0453-7.

Series: Pull Ahead Books.

Brief biographical sketches of seventeen blues singers including Bessie Smith, Big Bill Broonzy, Leadbelly, Billie Holiday, and Muddy Waters. Illustrated with photographs. 7

TALES OF FLYING.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1970. 32 pp. $1.98.
0-8224-9185-0.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

Stories of the accomplishments of the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindbergh, and Amy Johnson, the first woman to fly solo from England to Australia. Good reading at a low level. 3

TALES OF INVENTION.

Edward G. Jerrome. Pitman, 1973. 32 pp. $1.98.
0-8224-9186-9.

Series: Pacemaker True Adventures.

The lives of three inventors - Guglielmo Marconi (radio), Charles Goodyear (rubber), and John Baird (television) - who triumphed over poverty, ridicule, and repeated failure. 4

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THEY LOVED THE LAND.

Bennet Wayne, ed. Garrard, 1974. 168 pp. $6.57. 0-8116-4908-3.

Series: Target Books.

The stories of four Americans - John James Audubon, John Muir, Luther Burbank, and Rachel Carson - who left their marks in the field of natural history. The dedication and love of nature of these naturalists comes across as well as their accomplishments. 5

THE WOLF KING, AND OTHER TRUE ANIMAL STORIES.

J. A. Senn. Xerox, 1978. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3533-1.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

Seven fictionalized accounts, based on actual happenings, of animals' relationships with man. 4

THE WORLD'S DARKEST DAYS: STORIES OF GREAT TRAGEDIES OF THE PAST.

Steven Otfinoski. Xerox, 1977. 96 pp. $1.25. 0-8374-3462-9.

Series: PAL Paperbacks.

The stories of Krakatoa, Pompeii, Donner Pass, the Bubonic Plague, and Hiroshima. A mixture of fact and speculation in a somewhat sensational style. Entertaining reading, but readers should be advised to look elsewhere for hard historical fact. 5

FEELINGS ILLUSTRATED, 4 volumes.

New Readers Press, 1977. 32 pp. ea. $4.75/set. 0-88336-475-1.

Four books of captioned black-and-white photographs:

Laughing
Loving
Playing
Working

There are only about 150 words in each of the volumes. They are good discussion starters, and the adult new reader can get a sense of accomplishment at being able to finish a whole book in one sitting. 3

THE HOMECOMING, AND OTHER PLAYS.

Editors of Scholastic Scope Magazine. Scholastic, 1975. 128 pp. $1.95.

Series: Scope Plays.

Five plays including Chayefsky's "Printer's Measure," one based on an idea by Bill Cosby, and one from "The Waltons" television series. The print is somewhat crowded and the play format not easy for many adult new readers, but these plays are a good introduction for those who want to try them. 4

INSPECTOR THACKERY CALLS.

Kenneth James and Lloyd Mullen. Longman, 1974. 70 pp. $1.50. 0-582-53745-2.

Series: Longman Structural Readers.

Five short mystery plays in which criminals make mistakes that Inspector Thackery catches. A page of the detective's notes sums up each case, and the reader is given the opportunity to guess the solution before it is given. Easier to read than most plays, these are also intriguing. They provide good practice in reading for detail and in reading notes. 4

INSPECTOR THACKERY INVESTIGATES. Kenneth James and Lloyd Mullen. Longman, 1974. 99 pp. $1.75. 0-582-53774-6. Series: Longman Structural Readers.	Four plays such as those in the volume annotated immediately above.	4
NEWS FOR YOU, Editions A and B. New Readers Press, weekly. 4 - 8 pp. $6.00/yr. Components: Instructor's Aid supplied free with two or more subscriptions.	A weekly tabloid of current news stories written well below the level of most newspapers. (The Cleveland Plain Dealer, for instance, is written at about the tenth grade reading level, according to the Gunning Fog Index.) Although the stories are quite short and greatly simplified, the format and the content of the newspaper is adult. Edition A is written at the fifth/sixth grade level and Edition B at sixth/seventh. Specify edition when ordering.	5-7
TWELVE ANGRY MEN, AND OTHER PLAYS. Editors of Scholastic Scope Magazine. Scholastic, 1971. 124 pp. $1.65. Components: Teacher's guide free with 25 or more copies. Series: Scope Plays.	Four plays dealing with people in crisis. These interesting adult plays are good practice for the adult new reader who wishes to tackle this genre of writing, one which can be confusing to the inexperienced reader.	4

THE EMERGENCY READING TEACHER'S MANUAL.

Edward Fry. Jamestown, rev. ed., 1979. 107 pp. $7.50. 0-89061-207-2.

A quick and practical introduction to the teaching of reading to children or adults. It includes a section of "trade secrets," oral reading paragraphs for determining a student's independent and instructional reading levels, an "Instant Word Oral Reading Test," a test for evaluating phonics, a list of 600 sight words, charts for teaching phonics, the Fry readability graph, and a list of instructional materials (many, unfortunately, geared for children or in multi-piece kit formats difficult to handle in circulating collections). There is much here from which the tutor can pick and choose to suit the individual student's learning style.

GUIDELINES TO TEACHING REMEDIAL READING.

Lillie Pope. Book-Lab, rev. ed., 1975. 192 pp. $4.95 softcover. 87594-123-0.

A complete handbook on one-on-one tutoring including sections on reasons some people have difficulty learning to read, relating to the adult student, inventorying a student's abilities, and methods of teaching reading. A thorough presentation.

HANDBOOK FOR THE VOLUNTEER TUTOR.

Sidney J. Rauch, comp. and ed. International Reading Assoc., 1969. 106 pp. $2.50. 0-87207-909-0.

A collection of articles for tutors working with children, young adults, or adults. Information about the basics of reading instruction, characteristics of students, the tutor-student relationship, and organizing a volunteer program. Good, basic advice. The chapters on materials are out of date and not useful.

I WISH I COULD WRITE! IDEAS FOR INSPIRING NEW WRITERS.

Joan Barasovska. New Readers Press, 1978. 40 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-549-9.

Twenty-five lesson plans to encourage adult new readers to write as a means of expression and of strenghtening reading skills. Includes many samples of students' writing. An extension of some of the ideas in Using Language Experience, below.

PUT IT IN WRITING: WRITING ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS OF ESL.

David Blot and David M. Davidson. Newbury House, 1980. 97 pp. $4.95. 0-88377-175-6.

Chapters on directed or semicontrolled writing, story completion, writing based on thoughts generated by a specific reading, writing dialogues, and writing a story suggested by a photograph. Although the activities are geared toward students of English as an additional language, many of the ideas or models can be used to encourage other adult new readers to write.

READING INSTRUCTION FOR THE ADULT ILLITERATE.

Edward V. Jones. American Library Association, 1981. 169 pp. $10.00. 0-8389-0317-7.

Part 1 provides a profile of the adult illiterate, and Part 2 is a detailed program of reading instruction. A lengthy bibliography, unfortunately not annotated, contains many helpful citations. A well researched and well written text.

3,000 INSTANT WORDS.

Elizabeth Sakiey and Edward Fry. Jamestown, 1979. 72 pp. $7.50.

This word frequency list is a refining and editing of the 87,000-word Carroll list (or American Heritage list, as it is sometimes called) which was determined from a computer count of 5 million running words from instructional materials in grades3 through 9 and from magazines and fiction and non-fiction books read by the general public. A rank order list is followed by an alphabetical list, which also gives the frequency of each word and its variants per 5 million words. This title will be of great value to the tutor in teaching sight words. (It is interesting to note that 100 words and their variants make up 50 percent of all written material.)

TUTOR: TECHNIQUES USED IN THE TEACHING OF READING.

Ruth J. Colvin and Jane H. Root. Literacy Volunteers, rev. ed., 1981. 96 pp. $6.00.

A handbook for those with no technical training in the teaching of reading who wish to teach adults and teenagers. Step-by-step instructions are provided to help the tutor evaluate her student, use various instructional methods, plan a lesson, and become sensitive to the needs of the non-reader.

USING LANGUAGE EXPERIENCE WITH ADULTS: A GUIDE FOR TEACHERS.

Katherine Kennedy and Stephanie Roeder. New Readers Press, 1975. 40 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-556-1.

A thorough discussion of the method of using a student's own words and experience to teach reading. This method is also explained - but in far less detail and with fewer examples - in the two handbooks mentioned above.

USING READABILITY: FORMULAS FOR EASY ADULT MATERIALS.

Robert S. Laubach and Kay Koschnick. New Readers Press, 1977. 40 pp. $2.00. 0-88336-545-6.

Clear and complete instructions on how to apply the Gunning Fog Index and the Fry Readability Graph, as well as some discussion about what factors combine to make one book more readable than another.

Of interest to those who wish to preserve consumable materials for use by others:

Plastic overlay sheets for use with wipe-off pencils and water soluble felt pens. Available from Book Lab for $3.20 for a packet of 12. These sheets are durable, almost stick to the workbook pages by themselves,and do clean off easily. The wipe-off pencils from Book Lab, however, are not satisfactory; they are small and break easily so that after only a few sharpenings - all of which could occur in one tutoring session - they are too small to hold comfortably. Tutors have also reported success using onionskin as an overlay sheet. It is not as easy to read through as plastic sheets, but it makes a fine writing surface for the ordinary lead pencil.

See also "Suggested Readings: An Annotated List," page 181, for background readings of interest to tutors and others involved in the improvement of the basic reading skills of adults.

ADDRESSES OF PUBLISHERS

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Menlo Park, CA 94025

Allyn and Bacon, Inc.
470 Atlantic Ave.
Boston, MA 02210

American Bible Society
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Grand Central Station
New York, NY 10163

American Library Association
50 E. Huron St.
Chicago, IL 60611

Amsco School Publications, Inc.
315 Hudson St.
New York, NY 10013

Bantam Books
666 Fifth Ave.
New York, NY 10103

Barron's Educational Services, Inc.
113 Crossways Park Dr.
Woodbury, NY 11797

Book-Lab, Inc.
1449 Thirty-Seventh St.
Brooklyn, NY 11218

Cambridge, The Adult Education Company
888 Seventh Ave.
New York, NY 10019

Contemporary Books, Inc.
180 N. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60601

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Elizabethtown, PA 17022

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P.O. Box 3427
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New York, NY 10017

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79 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10016

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2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

Dynamic Programs
10 Rutgers Place
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ELS Publications
English Language Services
5761 Buckingham Parkway
Culver City, CA 90230

EMC Publishing
Changing Times Education Service
300 York Avenue
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Follett Publishing Company
1010 West Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60607

Gallaudet College Press
Distribution Office
Kendall Green
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1607 North Market St.
P.O. Box A
Champaign, IL 61820

Globe Book Company, Inc.
50 West 23rd St.
New York, NY 10010

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Heinemann Educational Books
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One Beacon Street
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Instructional/Communications
Technology, Inc.
10 Stepar Place
Huntington Station, NY 11746

International Reading Association
800 Barksdale Road
P.O. Box 8139
Newark, DE 19711

Jamestown Publishers
P.O. Box 6743
Providence, RI 02940

Janus Book Publishers
2501 Industrial Pkwy. W
Hayward, CA 94545

Lerner Publications Company
241 First Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc.
404 Oak Street
Syracuse, NY 13203

Longman, Inc.
19 West 44th St.
New York, NY 10036

Lutheran Church Women
Order Desk
2900 Queen Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19129

McGraw-Hill Book Company
Adult Education Services
S1
Hightstown/Princeton Road
Hightstown, NJ 08520

New Readers Plaza
Box 131
Syracuse, NY 13210

Newbury House Publishers
Rowley, MA 01969

Oddo Publishing, Inc.
Storybook Acres, Box 68
Fayetteville, GA 30214

Oxford University Press
English Language Teaching Dept.
200 Madison Ave.
New York, NY 10016

Pitman Learning, Inc.
6 Davis Drive
Belmont, CA 94002

Pocket Books
1230 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

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Educational Books Division
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

Project: LEARN
2238 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115

Reader's Digest Services, Inc.
Educational Division
Pleasantville, NY 10570

Regents Publishing Company, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016

SRA
(Science Research Associates, Inc.)
155 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

Scholastic Book Services
904 Sylvan Ave.
Englewood Cliffs, NJ 07632

Scott, Foresman and Company
Lifelong Learning Division
1900 East Lake Avenue
Glenview, IL 60025

Steck-Vaughn Company
807 Braxos
P.O. Box 2028
Austin, TX 78768

Franklin Watts, Inc.
730 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10019

Xerox Education Publications
Weekly Reader/Secondary Unit Books
1250 Fairwood Ave.
P.O. Box 16618
Columbus, OH 43216

SERIES COMMENTS AND INDEX

Accent/Jobs (Follett)

Of the three titles in this series, the one recommended contains up-to-date information applicable to many types of work, while the others are too specific in their details about the day-to-day aspects of a particular job and somewhat out-of-date in their coverage of that job.

Paycheck, p. 65

Adult Readers Library (Scott, Foresman)

A new series of fourteen leisure reading titles - fiction, biography, how-to and self-help, and the unexplained. The typeface is large and clear and the layout attractive. Some of the titles are illustrated with a few line drawings or photographs. others are not illustrated. Of the two titles evaluated for this bibliography, one is recommended:

Cargo, p. 90

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Alpha (Oxford)

Fourteen controlled vocabulary readers adapted from novels by well-known authors. They are of normal paperback size and have attractive covers. Their drawbacks are that the print is quite small, the pages are somewhat crowded, the books are long, and there are a number of Britishisms in each. However, two titles are excellent reading and have been thoroughly enjoyed by Project: LEARN's more sophisticated readers (those who have been learning to read for a year or two and are now at the fifth or sixth grade level). Those titles are:

The Death of Grass, p. 104
The Man Who Fell to Earth, p. 108

Archie (Dynamic Programs)

A series of three titles which deal with the "contemporary world of work, depicting black characters gradually improving their lives." The characters speak in black English. The layout and spacing of type is sometimes confusing, and there are a few typographical and technical errors in the books. In spite of these drawbacks, the first two books of the series have been recommended in this bibliography. The stories are realistic, straightforward, and compelling. The plot of Book II was found to be repetitive, tangled, and unbelievable. The recommended titles:

Archie, Jr., p. 82
The Bridge, p. 82

Be Informed (New Readers Press)

The series consists of sixteen 40-page booklets, each with exercises and answers, on various aspects of daily living. Each unit is punched for a three-ring binder. A free eight-page teacher's guide for the series is included with each order for any combination of ten or more units. Most of the units are well written and interesting and cover their topics thoroughly. Some of the titles were omitted from this bibliography because the information in them is presented in similar or even more comprehensive fashions in other titles by New Readers Press. Recommended titles are:

Be Informed on Banking, p. 42
Be Informed on Buying a House, p. 43
Be Informed on Mental Retardation, p. 54
Be Informed on Money, p. 43
Be Informed on News Media, p. 3
Be Informed on Personal Credit, p. 43
Be Informed on Personal Insurance, p. 44
Be Informed on Pollution, p. 69
Be Informed on Population, p. 69
Be Informed on Renting a Place to Live, p. 44
Be Informed on Using Measurements, p. 30
Be Informed on Using the Library, p. 3

BesTellers (Pitman)

BesTellers I, II, and III consists of thirty fiction titles in the format and style of bestselling paperbacks. In the series are mystery, suspense, adventure, romance, and science fiction. The reading levels are third and fourth grade, and the interest level is adult. All books are illustrated with black-and-white line drawings. Many of the stories are compelling and well written. All of the titles in the series were evaluated, and the ones included in this bibliography are:

Animals, p. 89
Bad Moon, p. 89
Candy Man, p. 90
Counterfeit, p. 91
Crash Dive, p. 91
Demeter Star, p. 91
Diamonds in the Dirt, p. 92
Dream of the Dead, p. 104
Flight to Fear, p. 92
Gypsy, p. 84
I Died Here, p. 107
North to Oak Island, p. 95
Secret Spy, p. 96
Silvabamba, p. 110
So Wild a Dream, p. 96
Star Gold, p. 111
Three Mile House, p. 100
Tiger, Lion, Hawk, p. 100
The Time Trap, p. 111
The Verlaine Crossing, p. 101
Wet Fire, p. 101

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A teacher's guide for the series is available for $4.50; it is free with the purchase of all thirty titles.

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Bluejeans Books (Xerox)

A mini-series of six titles similar in format and content to the well-known PAL Paperbacks series. The quality of the stories varies greatly, and the only title recommended is:

Shadow of the Past, p. 115

Books in Easy English (Longman)

A series of fourteen original titles, both fiction and non-fiction, for young adults and adults from a British publisher of English language teaching materials now marketing heavily in the United States. The books range in difficulty from ones written in a base vocabulary of 500 words to those written in a 1,500-word vocabulary. Some of the titles are still in the process of being reviewed, and two are listed in this edition:

Is Anybody There?, p. 39
UFO's, p. 112

Building Basic Skills (Contemporary)

A well designed five-title instructional program for adult learners at the pre-GED skill level. The science book is at too high a reading level for this bibliography, and the one on writing more grammar-based (as opposed to usage-based) than our reviewers prefer. Titles recommended are:

Building Basic Skills in Mathematics, p. 32
Building Basic Skills in Reading, p. 5
Building Basic Skills in Social Studies, p. 5

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Cambridge Pre-GED Program (Cambridge)

One of the easiest to use and most comprehensible and relevant beginning GED preparation programs. All titles in the revised edition of this program are recommended:

Introduction to English, p. 10
Introduction to Mathematics: Books 1 and 2, p. 35
Introduction to Reading, p. 10

Case Studies in American History (Globe)

Three interesting paperbacks on aspects of American life and culture: the struggle for civil equality, dealings of the U.S. government with native Americans, and immigrant life in the United States. Titles in the bibliography are:

Conscience versus Law, p. 71
Cultures in Conflict, p. 72

Consumer Education (EMC)

A program of ten texts, written at the third and fourth grade reading levels, and accompanying workbooks and read-along cassettes, on various aspects of consumer education. Each text comes with a teacher's booklet. The cassettes were not considered for this bibliography, and none of the workbooks were judged acceptable. Five of the texts, however, which present consumer information in a story format, hold reader interest quite well and contain useful and accurate information:

More Food for Our Money, p. 48
Put Your Money Down, p. 50
State Your Claim!, p. 50
When Things Don't Work, p. 52

Contact (Scholastic)

Seventeen units on the individual, society, and communication, each consisting of 31 texts, 31 student log books, an LP recording or sound filmstrip, and a teaching manual. The texts are available separately for $2.75. Each text covers its topic through short stories, plays, poems, songs, dialogues, and articles. The series is aimed at 7th - 12th grade students, but some of the titles are appropriate for adults:

Sports: A Mirror of Our Society, p. 116
TV: Behind the Tube, p. 118
This Land Is Our Land, p. 77

Dodd, Mead Hi-Lo (Dodd, Mead)

A series of high interest/low vocabulary books designed for "upper elementary students and older reluctant readers." Of the twenty-odd titles, three are included in this bibliography:

Creatures from UFO's, p. 103
Ghostly Terrors, p. 106
Missing!, p. 94

Doomsday Journals (Pitman)

Six novels about out-of-control events and great disasters, some of them natural, some of them man-made. Each is a story told to Dr. Carla Lancaster, who is roaming the devastated earth collecting stories about events that occurred in the few years before Ryan's comet passed near Earth and collided with its moon. Although some titles are better than others, all are interesting, and each stands on its own. The series ends with Dr. Lancaster's thoughts: "The world is filled wtih dangers of its own. And we humans can invent more ways to destroy outselves . . . . Will we finally learn from

our mistakes? I certainly hope so. Or when the comet returns, we may have already destroyed the world ourselves." (Although the title Comet! is the last in the series, if it is read first, the context of the rest of the titles will be much clearer.) The titles are:

Bedford Fever, p. 102
Comet!, p. 103
Final Warning, p. 106
Fireball, p. 106
Lost Valley, p. 108
The Seep, p. 110

Double Action Libraries (Scholastic)

A group of 30 novels at the 4th and 5th grade reading levels designed for high school students reading below grade level. The main characters are teenagers just out of high school and on their first jobs. The paperback format is appealing. Most of the stories are illustrated with photographs, a few with drawings. While most of the stories are of interest only to teenagers and many of the plots are repetitive and predictable, four of the titles have been recommended for reasons cited in the individual reviews:

The Air Freight Mystery, p. 89
The Drop-In, p. 83
The Firefighter, p. 84
Rosina Torres, LPN, p. 86

Family Development (Steck-Vaughn)

Ten titles adapted from materials produced by a project at the University of Wisconsin intended to teach life-coping skills and to develop decision-making ability. Each text includes short chapters followed by questions; answer keys are in the back. All titles have been recommended. Although the publisher claims a 4th to 6th grade reading level for the series, our analyses rate the titles at 6th and 7th grade levels. The titles are:

Becoming a More Effective Person, p. 54
Being an Informed Citizen, p. 70
Buying Guides, p. 45
Communicating with Others, p. 54
Family Money Management, p. 46
Health, Safety, and Sanitation, p. 57
Understanding Yourself, p. 59
Where to Go, Who to See, What to Do, p. 78
Working with Others, p. 56
Your Family, p. 60

Follett Coping Skills (Follett)

A series of sixteen workbooks in the areas of consumer economics, occupational knowledge, mental and physical health, community resources, and government and law. The books are written on the 4th through 7th grade reading levels. Information is presented step-by-step, and pertinent facts are repeated and reinforced. The books are attractive and easy to follow. Answers are in the books. Titles in this bibliography are:

Becoming a U.S. Citizen, p. 70
Budgeting, p. 45
Child Care, p. 54
Family Planning, p. 55
Finding Work, p. 62
Getting Medical Assistance, p. 56
The Government and You, p. 73
Job Interviews, p. 63
The Law and You, p. 74
Using Community Resources, p. 77
Using Transportation, p. 51

Funseeker (Crestwood)

Twelve books on "high interest" individual sports and leisure-time activities. The books are available in both hardback and paperback, but only the paperbacks were considered for inclusion in this bibliography; the hardbacks are expensive and juvenile

in appearance. The two titles chosen were seen to be of more general interest than the other titles, even to those not involved in the sports:

Hang Gliding, p. 114
Skydiving, p. 116

Galaxy 5 (Pitman)

A set of six science fiction titles by Leo P. Kelley about the adventures of space travelers en route to establish a human colony on a distant planet. The titles are:

Dead Moon, p. 103
Goodbye to Earth, p. 107
King of the Stars, p. 107
On the Red World, p. 109
Vacation in Space, p. 112
Where No Sun Shines, p. 112

A teacher's guide is free with the purchase of the entire series or can be purchased for $3.18.

Heinemann Guided Readers (Heinemann)

Thirty-one titles, written at various levels of difficulty, of original and adapted fiction and non-fiction. The series, from a British publisher, is intended for learners of English as an additional language, but many of the titles appear to be appropriate for other adult new readers as well. The books are pocket-sized paperbacks and have attractive covers; the print is small but well spaced. Many of the titles have yet to be evaluated, but the following is recommended:

The Black Cat, p. 89

Janus Survival Guides (Janus)

Nine titles on various practical living skills. They are all oriented toward the teenage reader and use teenage situations and problems as examples. Each is illustrated in cartoon fashion and uses somewhat "hip" language. Since most of the topics covered are better presented for adults in other publications, only one title is recommended in this bibliography:

Finding a Good Used Car, p. 46

Justice in America (Houghton Mifflin)

Six books on the topic, all of which are above the reading level for this bibliography. One title, however, contains important information for the adult new reader which is not well covered in books written at lower reading levels:

Crimes and Justice, p. 71

Laura Brewster Books (Pitman)

The six Laura Brewster books are Nancy Drew mysteries for the adult new reader! As an insurance investigator, Laura travels the world getting to the bottom of one mysterious death after another. While two of the titles are repetitive and predictable, the four recommended are fresh and fun:

Falling Star, p. 92
Fast Food King, p. 92
House of Laughs, p. 93
Tiger Rose, p. 100

The series guide is $4.50, or free with the purchase of all six titles.

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Lifetimes (Pitman)

Seven short contemporary novels written at the third and fourth grade reading levels about turning points in people's lives. All of the titles are competently written; some are excellent. These pocket-sized paperbacks are not illustrated, but the large print is arranged in "natural word groupings" rather than in lines that break randomly, a feature which makes reading flow more smoothly for the inexperienced reader. Each title includes questions to stimulate further thinking. A curriculum guide which contains plot summaries, vocabulary data, comprehension questions, and language related activities on reproducible worksheets is available for $12.00. The six titles in this bibliography are:

A Family from Vietnam, p. 83
Juan and Lucy, p. 84
A Place for Everyone, p. 85
The Shoplifting Game, p. 86
So Long, Snowman, p. 87
A Time to Choose, p. 88

Lifeworks (McGraw-Hill)

A series of twenty-one books which focuses on "improving the adult learner's ability to cope with everyday life situations while developing basic skills in reading, writing, and math." (Many of the books are two titles in one binding, and the reader may not always be interested in both sections.) The books are profusely illustrated and are filled with pre- and post-tests, exercises, summaries, and enrichment activities. Answers are in the books. Drawbacks to the series are that 1) it is classroom oriented; 2) the high ratio of exercises, activities, and glossaries (some of them superficial) to reading may discourage adult new readers; 3) it is redundant in its coverage; and 4) one title in a binding may be well done and appropriate for adult new readers and another not. Nevertheless, the following titles contain important information and are recommended:

Advertising Techniques and Consumer Fraud, p. 42
Buying a House and Buying a Mobile Home, p. 45
Getting Ready for the World of Work, p. 62

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Marriage and the Family and Child-Rearing Practices, p. 58
Moving On and Getting Utilities and Saving Energy, p. 49
A Realistic Job Search, p. 65
The Reality of Work and Promotion, p. 66
You and the World of Work, p. 67

Living in America (Steck-Vaughn)

Four titles intended to provide a "comprehensive, historical survey of America for the mature learner." America's Early Years and Twentieth Century America outline the history of the United States, stressing the contributions of many different people; Democracy in Action covers government and citizenship. The title not recommended was considered too simplistic in its approach to the subject. Recommended titles:

America's Early Years, p. 69
Democracy in Action, p. 72
Twentieth Century America, p. 77

Living Law (Scholastic)

Two softcover texts, each with its own teaching guide ($4.50), on the American legal system and how it affects individual citizens. Designed for use in high schools. Well illustrated with line drawings and photographs. Numerous activities, projects, and suggestions for further reading are scattered throughout the books. The titles are:

Civil Justice, p. 70
Criminal Justice, p. 72

Longman Simplified English (Longman)

A series of twenty-eight adapted British and American classics, which is in the process of evaluation. The publisher is British, and there are British spellings

and expressions in the books. The two titles listed below are excellent adaptations which retain the flavor of their originals:

Jane Eyre, p. 94
Wuthering Heights, p. 101

Longman Structural Readers (Longman)

Eighty-nine titles, ranging in difficulty from cartoon format books in 300-word vocabularies to sophisticated titles in 1,800-word vocabularies. A handbook is available for $1.75 which details the principles governing this series, which is made up of fiction and non-fiction on dozens of different subjects. Longman is a British publisher of books for adults learning English, and the titles do contain some Britishisms. Time did not allow thorough review of all the titles. The following are recommended:

Animals Dangerous to Man, p. 39
Clint Magee, p. 91
Eight Ghost Stories, p. 105
The Face on the Screen, p. 105
How Life Began, p. 39
Inspector Thackery Calls, p. 125
Inspector Thackery Investigates, p. 126
The Lost Love, p. 108
Me, Myself, and I, p. 109
A Scandal in Bohemia, p. 96
Stranger Things Have Happened, p. 87

Money Matters (Janus)

A set of four titles written for high school students in special needs programs. The characters in the situational examples are young but not specifically identified as teenagers. Some of the exercises will be more appealing to teens than to adults, but, as a whole, the titles recommended are not condescending or juvenile in appearance or oriented to classroom situations. Each booklet introduces a subject rather than

attempting to cover it in depth, but enough information is provided in each of the recommended titles to make it useful. The title on budgeting, not recommended here, was too simplistic for an adult's needs. Titles in this bibliography are:

Be Ad-Wise, p. 42
More for Your Money, p. 48
Pay by Check, p. 49

New Method Supplementary Readers (Longman)

Simplified adaptations of classics of English literature and children's fiction by a British publisher. Many of the sixty-six titles are more suitable for children than for adults, but several titles seem promising. The series is still in the process of evaluation. The following title is recommended:

Three Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, p. 99

Newbury House Readers (Newbury House)

Fourteen illustrated, graded leisure readers for high school students and adults studying English as a second language but also appropriate for other adult new readers. The following are recommended:

Great Ideas!, p. 121
Murder in the Language Lab, p. 95
Portraits of Americans, p. 122
Superstars of Sports, p. 117

On Your Own (Janus)

Four books intended to prepare special needs students for independent living. Two of the titles are too specifically oriented toward special education students or

young people and one is on a subject better covered in other materials in this bibliography. The recommended title is:

Caring for Your Car, p. 4

Pacemaker Practical Arithmetic (Pitman)

Four workbooks which build arithmetic skills through information on money management, from recognizing various U.S. coins and bills to managing a checking account and shopping economically. Two of the titles cover subjects better presented in other materials in this bibliography, but two are recommended:

Buying with Sense, p. 32
Using Dollars and Sense, p. 37

Pacemaker True Adventures (Pitman)

An eleven-book series, each book with three true stories of adventure or accomplishment. The books are short, the reading levels third or fourth grade, and the typeface large and easy to read. They are illustrated with black-and-white line drawings which, although they do not add a great deal to the stories, do break up the text comfortably for the adult new reader. There are a few typographical errors in the books which the new reader may catch. A teacher's guide is free with the purchase of the complete set. All of the titles were considered and all but one are recommended:

Tales of Escape, p. 97
Tales of Explorers, p. 98
Tales of Flying, p. 123
Tales of Invention, p. 123
Tales of Pirates, p. 98
Tales of Railroads, p. 98
Tales of Rescue, p. 98
Tales of Shipwreck, p. 99
Tales of Speed, p. 117
Tales of Spies, p. 99

PAL Paperbacks (Xerox)

Xerox's well-known series of ninety pocket-sized paperback books. Many of the titles are obviously intended for teenagers, and these were eliminated from consideration immediately; most of these were collections of short stories about high school problems or teen romances. The remaining titles - all of them collections of short fiction pieces, jokes, fantastic facts, or "true" stories - vary greatly in quality. Some are silly, some gory and violent, some superficial, and some intriguing and well written. The titles are available in four "kits," each at a different reading level and with a teacher's guide to the kit included, or for $1.25 each. The following titles are included in this bibliography:

Against All Odds, p. 119
Buried Alive, p. 90
Champions All, p. 113
The Chopper Bunch, p. 113
Earth's Hidden Mysteries, p. 105
Fight for Freedom, p. 120
Good Times - Bad Times, p. 73
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Real-Life Adventures, p. 96
The Red Ghost, p. 40
True Ghost Stories, p. 111
The Wolf King, p. 124
The World of Animals, p. 41
The World's Darkest Days, p. 124

People and the City (Scott Foresman)

Thirteen booklets on the problems and responsibilities of urban living. The books are sophisticated in content and are at the upper end of the reading scale for this bibliography; some are actually above the maximum reading level. A Teacher Tactics for the series is available for $4.79. It includes teaching ideas, activities, and tests. Recommended titles are:

People and the City: Buyers Beware, p. 49
People and the City: Crime and Safety, p. 75
People and the City: Moving In, p. 75

People Working Today (Janus)

Ten stories about teenage workers and their experiences on their first jobs. Two of the titles transcend this young adult orientation and speak to the adult as well:

Julie at the Pumps, p. 64
Tony, the Night Custodian, p. 66

Practical Communications Skills (New Readers Press)

Three workbook-sized texts on everyday communications skills involving writing and speaking. All are clearly written and attractively laid out. A teacher's guide and exercise booklet is available for each title:

Filling Out Forms, p. 8
Using the Telephone, p. 25
Writing to Others, p. 28

Practical Job Skills (EMC)

A series of six readers (informational fiction), six text/workbooks, and six read-along cassettes. The characters are young, and some of the exercises (such as the crossword puzzles) seem more appropriate for teens than for adults, but the recommended titles are still suitable for adult new readers. Answers are not in the text/workbooks, but there is a good deal more reading than exercise in these, and most of the questions are multiple choice. Some of the titles in this series are on topics better presented for adults in other sources, but the following titles are recommended:

Filling out Job Application Forms (Text/Workbook), p. 61
Finding a Job (Reader), p. 61
Finding a Job (Text/Workbook), p. 61
Interviewing for Jobs (Text/Workbook), p. 62

Practice in Survival Reading (New Readers Press)

Eight booklets, each of which contains twenty-five two-page illustrated lessons on its topic. Each lesson consists of a sample of the type of reading being covered, followed by ten questions designed to develop reading comprehension on three levels: locating facts, interpreting facts, and applying facts. (Machine-Age Riddles is an exception to this format.) Each book includes a word list and answer key. The only title not recommended in this bibliography was written at too high a reading level. A teacher's guide for the series is available for $2.00. Recommended titles are:

It's on the Map, p. 11
Label Talk, p. 11
Let's Look It Up, p. 13
Machine-Age Riddles, p. 13
Read the Instructions First, p. 16
Signs around Town, p. 19
Your Daily Paper, p. 28

Pre-GED Basic Skills (McGraw-Hill)

Five workbooks modeled on the new G.E.D. test and written below the level of the actual examination. Practice questions, pre- and post-tests, helpful hints for studying, and carefully explained answers contribute to the usefulness of these volumes. The titles on social studies skills and science skills are written at levels above the maximum set for this bibliography. Recommended titles are:

Basic Mathematics Skills, p. 30
Basic Reading Skills, p. 3
Basic Writing Skills, p. 3

Project: LEARN Writers Group (Project: LEARN)

This group (part of a Laubach Literacy Action project) has produced about forty booklets of stories and information on various subjects of interest or importance to

adult new readers. The booklets are in vocabulary that is controlled to the Skill Books of the New Streamlined English series, but several of the titles will be of interest to students not using that series as well. The titles are inexpensively produced and sold for cost; the quality of the paper, type, reproduction, and covers gives the books a homemade appearance. The three titles recommended in this bibliography are:

Each One Teach One, p. 119
Places to Visit in Cleveland: Museums, p. 76
Studying for an Ohio Driver's License, p. 51

Pull Ahead Books (Lerner)

Sixteen collected biographies written for junior and senior high school students reading below grade level. They are of adult interest and are well laid out and attractively illustrated, but many of the titles are at too high a reading level for this bibliography. Recommended are:

Famous Crimefighters, p. 120
Singers of the Blues, p. 123

Reading for Survival (Cambridge)

Seven adult-interest books designed to develop functional literacy and practical life skills at the same time. The first three titles, for the lowest level reader, are designed to be used in a classroom with a teacher and would be difficult and confusing for the student working alone. The last two titles are too difficult for inclusion in this bibliography. The recommended titles are:

Reading Competence, p. 17
Reading Improvement, p. 18

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Scope Plays (Scholastic)

Ten anthologies of stage plays, teleplays, screenplays, adaptations of short stories, and plays written by students. A teacher's guide is included free with 25 or more copies of any one title. Some of the plays are of particular appeal to teenagers. Recommended titles are:

The Homecoming, p. 125
Twelve Angry Men, p. 126

Scope Skills Books (Scholastic)

Twenty-one workbooks for class or individual learning through stories, puzzles, exercises, articles, and essays. Most of the titles are aimed at improving reading skills; a few present consumer or career skills. Some of the workbooks will be of interest only to teenagers, and all of them are presented in a format intended to be appealing to young adults. The following recommended titles, however, will be useful for adults as well:

Developing Thinking Skills, p. 6
Reading Efficiency, p. 17
Strangely True, p. 21
Vocabulary Improvement, p. 26

Search for the Unknown (Crestwood)

Six titles on unexplained phenomena, each a factual presentation on both sides of the issue. Illustrated with drawings and photographs. The books are available in hardback as well as paperback but were considered too expensive and juvenile in appearance in that format. The following title is recommended:

Bermuda Triangle, p. 102

Signal Books (Doubleday)

Over sixty titles make up this series for children and young adults, which purports to be high interest/low vocabulary. Indeed, some of the titles can be so classified, but others are at a sufficiently high reading level to be suspect in this category. The quality of writing and format and the interest levels also vary. Many of the titles will not be appealing to adults. However, at least three titles were found to be appropriate for inclusion in this bibliography:

Jimmy Young, Heavyweight Challenger, p. 115
The Secret Ship, p. 80
The Spy Who Never Was, p. 97

Skinny Books (Pitman)

A line of illustrated high interest/low vocabulary books for teens. The books are of varying quality, some of them excellent. Most are of little interest to anyone over the age of 16, but the one recommended in this bibliography focuses on a teen-aged married couple in a story on a subject that is important to adults as well as to young adults:

Saving the Big-Deal Baby, p. 86

Space Police (Pitman)

Six space-age cops and robbers stories of varying interest, all by Leo P. Kelley. The books are not illustrated except for four garishly colored pages stapled into the center of each one. These pictures were added after the first printing but, since they add nothing to the story, could easily have been left out. The one title which we felt would be of interest to more than the science fiction buff is:

Earth Two, p. 105

A teacher's guide for the series is available for $3.18, or is free with the purchase of the entire series.

Specter (Pitman)

All eight titles of this series by Anita Jackson are eerie easy readers in the tradition of The Twilight Zone, and all of them catch and hold the reader's attention. The books are short - some of them very short - and are printed in large, readable type. The only illustrations are at the beginning of each chapter, but the chapters are short and satisfying, and the books are well paced so that the reader does not become bogged down in print even in the longer books. A teacher's guide is free with the purchase of the entire series. It can also be purchased separately for $4.50. The individual titles are:

The Actor, p. 102
A Deadly Game, p. 103
Dreams, p. 104
The Ear, p. 104
The '57 T-Bird, p. 106
Homecoming, p. 107
No Rent to Pay, p. 109
ZB4, p. 112

SporTellers (Pitman)

Eight novels about men and women in various sports. Some of the characters are stereotyped, and some of the plots are slow-moving or hackneyed, but the following titles are recommended:

Catch the Sun, p. 113
Fear on Ice, p. 114
Stroke of Luck, p. 117

Sundown Books (New Readers Press)

A series of six novels, two of which have young adults as main characters. The stories are about people dealing realistically and sensitively with personal changes, stresses, and problems. The following titles are compelling reading for adults:

Ben's Gift, p. 82
A Dream with Storms, p. 83
The Other Side of Yellow, p. 85
Take Care of Millie, p. 87

Survival (Crestwood)

Edited by Outdoor Life writer Ben East, this series of eight titles is about human survival in the wilds. The series is available in hardback as well as paperback, but the hardbacks are expensive and juvenile in appearance. The three most suspenseful and compelling titles are:

Forty Days Lost, p. 92
Frozen Terror, p. 93
Trapped in Devil's Hole, p. 100

Talespinners (Pitman)

A new series of eight titles from a prolific publisher of adult interest/low reading level materials. The size (pocketbook), covers, typeface, and layout are good; there is an introductory illustration in each book but no others. A teacher's guide for the series is available for $3.48. Of the adventures, mysteries, and science fiction still under consideration for this bibliography, the following are recommended:

Johnny Tall Dog, p. 94
Man in the Cage, p. 94

Target Books (Garrard)

Eighteen collected biographies of famous Americans, past and present, in all walks of life. All are profusely illustrated with drawings and photographs. They are written at the fourth through sixth grade reading levels. Intended for upper elementary school age children, the books are nonetheless mature in appearance. The following titles are recommended:

Big League Pitchers and Catchers, p. 113
Black Crusaders for Freedom, p. 119
Football Replay, p. 114
Four Women of Courage, p. 121
Heroes of the Home Run, p. 115
Indian Patriots of the Great West, p. 122
Men of the Wild Frontier, p. 122
The Super Showmen, p. 117
They Loved the Land, p. 124
Three Jazz Greats, p. 118

Triumph Books (Watts)

Twenty illustrated high interest/low vocabulary titles - some fiction, some non-fiction - for junior and senior high school students. Many of the titles will not be of interest to adults, and some are inaccurate or confusing to the adult new reader. At least three titles, however, are suitable for the adult learning to read:

Frauds, Hoaxes, and Swindles, p. 121
Incredible Crimes, p. 122
Psychic Stories, Strange but True, p. 110

Turk Tonelli (Dynamic Programs)

In two titles, high school student Don (Turk) Tonelli "looks for an alternative to joining his father in a blue collar job and finds the Army training program provides him with a way out." In spite of some typographical errors and unusual spacings of print

which interrupt the reading flow, the books are readable and interesting. The titles are:

Dark to Bright Future, p. 83
Winning Twice, p. 88

Webster Everyreaders (McGraw-Hill)

An older series of adapted classics for children, a few titles of which are still in print. Appropriate and interesting for adult new readers are:

Cases of Sherlock Holmes, p. 90
The Gold Bug, and Other Stories, p. 93

Wheels (New Readers Press)

Three texts on the various aspects of owning, maintaining, and operating an automobile. They are all well written and well illustrated and make interesting reading. A teacher's guide for the series can be purchased for $2.65. Also available is a comprehensive workbook, with answer key, for $2.50. The titles are:

Becoming a Car Owner, p. 44
Maintaining Your Car, p. 47
Taking the Wheel, p. 51

Young Homemakers at Work (Pitman)

Three titles on the various aspects of meal planning and preparation, including information on budgeting, nutrition, and setting up a kitchen:

Planning Meals and Shopping, p. 50
The Young Homemaker's Cookbook, p. 52

Zenith Books (Doubleday)

A series of books about the roles of minority groups in the growth and development of the United States. Although the publisher claims sixth grade reading level for the titles, the series is not intended to be high/low, and many of the titles are too difficult for inclusion in this bibliography. Not all of the titles have been read, but at least one can be recommended:

Four Took Freedom, p. 120

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APPENDIX I: CORE COLLECTION RECOMMENDATIONS

After the publication of the first edition of Books for Adult New Readers we received numerous requests for help in choosing from among the recommended titles in the bibliography to form a basic or core collection. Some libraries wanted a few titles identified that could be integrated successfully into their regular circulating collections. Others had limited budgets for adult new reader collections and didn't want to waste a cent of their $250 or $500. More than one library did not purchase any titles at all because the task of selecting only thirty or forty titles from the hundreds in the bibliography seemed impossible.

In response to these many requests, we have decided to attempt, in this revised edition of Books for Adult New Readers, to make some suggestions for building a basic collection of books for adult new readers, using this bibliography as a guide. (There is an excellent general essay on "Choosing Low Reading Level Materials for Adults" in the very fine Reader Development Bibliography, by Melissa Forinash Buckingham.) However, any selection of the "best of the best" fails to take into consideration the specific needs of each individual library's unique clientele. A librarian building a collection of materials for adult new readers and basic learners should first know intimately the audience for which she is purchasing: Is there a large population of recent immigrants in the area? Will many users be adults just beginning to learn to read? Is there a significant population of adults which has mastered the mechanics of reading but needs improvement in comprehension and interpretation skills? Are a number of recently unemployed people now faced with tough competition for jobs for which their poor literacy skills do not prepare them? Is there an active local literacy program? Adult Basic Education program? General Educational Development (high school equivalency diploma) program?

If there are agencies concerned with improving the functional literacy skills of adults or young adults in your library's service area, it is important to get to know these agencies and their needs. These might include a literacy project, an Adult Basic Education program, a high school equivalency diploma program, an alternative study program for high school drop-outs, an English-as-a-Second Language program, and a learning disabilities or remedial reading program in a local high school. Other organizations with which to make contact to gather information about potential users' needs include

prisons or jails, schools for the deaf, and organizations which assist recent immigrants. Some of these institutions may be able to recommend titles which they use with their clients or be willing to study this bibliography and indicate which titles or subjects would be of particular use to them.

Another approach to selection is to compare the titles in this bibliography with those recommended in other useful bibliographies. (See "Suggested Readings: An Annotated List," pp. 181 , for titles of other bibliographies.) Titles which are recommended in two or more have been evaluated and approved by more than one librarian conversant in the field of adult literacy education and might therefore be logical first purchases.

It is hoped that librarians will keep the above cautions and suggestions in mind when using the following list of just under 100 titles suggested for first purchase. The materials below are on basic learning levels, provide general overviews of subjects, and are use-tested. The absence of a title recommended in this bibliography from the following list does not necessarily suggest any inferiority of that title.

READING AND WRITING

A series designed to teach adults fundamental reading skills (usually to be used with a tutor), such as:

Laubach Way to Reading, or
Steck-Vaughn Adult Reading, or
Materials recommended by a local literacy project

Supplementary materials to assist with specific reading skills, such as:

Adult Reading: Comprehension, selected titles
Focus on Phonics
Troubleshooter 1 series

Spelling:

Instant Spelling Power
Spelling Steps

Vocabulary:

World of Vocabulary

Manuscript and cursive writing:

Letters and Signs Activity Book (letter recognition and manuscript writing)
Improving Your Handwriting (cursive writing)

Dictionaries:

Scott-Foresman Intermediate Dictionary, or
Webster's New World Dictionary of the American Language, Basic School Edition

Practical applications of reading and writing skills:

Everyday Reading and Writing
Filling Out Forms

Beginning preparation toward the high school equivalency diploma examination:

Introduction to Reading
Introduction to Writing
Materials recommended by local Adult Basic Education or General Educational Development program

MATHEMATICS

Beginning mathematics:

Breakthrough to Math series
Working with Numbers, The New Triangle Book

Basic mathematics review and beginning preparation for the high school equivalency examination:

Basic Essentials of Mathematics, or
Working with Numbers, Refresher Book
Introduction to Mathematics
Number Power and Number Power 2

Practical applications of math skills:

Mathematics in Daily Living series

SCIENCE

Science Reader Skill Builder series
This Is Your Body

HOMEMAKING AND CONSUMERISM

Be Informed on Banking
Be Informed on Personal Credit
Be Informed on Renting a Place to Live
Becoming a Car Owner
Budgeting
Finding Housing
Maintaining Your Car
Managing Your Money

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELL-BEING

Becoming a More Effective Person
Child Care
Communicating with Others
Getting Medical Assistance
Having a Baby
Helping Yourself to Health
Marriage and the Family and
Child-Rearing Practices
Understanding Yourself

JOBS

Filling Out Job Application Forms
Finding Work
Job Interviews
Occupations 1 and Occupations 2
Out of Work
Working with Others

LIFE IN THE UNITED STATES

American Adventures series
Becoming a U.S. Citizen
Being an Informed Citizen
Democracy in Action
Crime and the Law
The Government and You
The Law and You
Settlers in America
Twentieth Century America
Where to Go, Who to See, What to Do

OTHER TIMES, OTHER PLACES

Good News for New Readers
Ten Psalms

Choosing titles for a core collection from the leisure reading section is a subjective and personal task. The following recommendations are some of the personal favorites of reviewers for this bibliography. Other titles should be chosen according to the interests of each library's patrons.

STORIES OF TODAY

Archie, Jr.
A Dream with Storms
The Other Side of Yellow
Pat King's Family
A Place for Everyone
Take Care of Millie

MYSTERY, ADVENTURE, AND ROMANCE

The Animals
Bad Moon
Crash Dive
The Demeter Star
Fast-Food King
Flight to Fear
Three Mile House
Tiger, Lion, Hawk

SCIENCE FICTION, THE SUPERNATURAL, AND THE UNEXPLAINED

Comet!
Eight Ghost Stories
Fireball
The Man Who Fell to Earth
Star Gold
No Rent to Pay
ZB4

HOBBIES, SPORTS, AND ENTERTAINMENT

Big League Pitchers and Catchers
Stroke of Luck
The Super Showmen
Three Jazz Greats

FAMOUS PEOPLE AND FANTASTIC FACTS

Black Crusaders for Freedom
Four Women of Courage
Frauds, Hoaxes, and Swindles
Incredible Crimes
They Loved the Land

POETRY, PLAYS, PICTURES, AND PERIODICALS

Inspector Thackery Investigates
News for You

APPENDIX II: SUGGESTED READINGS: AN ANNOTATED LIST

This is a subjectively selected list of readings on adult literacy, library service to the adult new reader, and the selection of adult interest/low reading level materials, including several bibliographies of books for the adult new reader. These recommended readings are those that proved most useful in the preparation of Books for Adult New Readers. (See also, "For the Tutor," pp. 127-130.)

Bates, Barbara. "Hard Questions about Easy Books," The High Low Report, Dec. 1979, pp. 1-3.

An editor of hi/lo books for young adults answers questions about evaluation of materials, shelving, and "pap" versus quality books.

Bates, Barbara. "Identifying High Interest/Low Reading Level Books," School Library Journal, Nov. 1977, pp. 19-22.

A very concise article with specific guidelines for evaluating both fiction and non-fiction.

Bayley, Linda. ABE: Guide to Library Materials. Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin, 1977.

The purpose of this guide is "to show which subject areas will be in the most demand by ABE students and to help adult educators and librarians identify materials that will be of interest and use to under-educated adults." Most of the material falls in the 3-6 grade reading range. Also: some tips on choosing and organizing materials.

Bayley, Linda. Opening Doors for Adult New Readers: How Libraries Can Select Materials and Establish Collections. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1980.

A very good introduction to setting up collections for new readers; available free from the publisher.

Buckingham, Melissa Forinash. "Adult Basic Education," Booklist; Jan. 15, Ap. 15, Jl. 15, and Oct. 15 issues.

A unique book review column, devoted to materials for the adult with limited reading skills.

Buckingham, Melissa Forinash. "Materials Selection for ABE Collections," Drexel Library Quarterly, Oct. 1978, pp. 14-32.

A thorough discussion of book selection for adult reluctant and disabled readers by a recognized expert; also describes "the adult new reader."

Buckingham, Melissa Forinash. Reader Development Bibliography. Syracuse, NY: New Readers Press, 1982.

Highly selective, annotated bibliography of materials in the Free Library of Philadelphia's Reader Development Collection, one of the country's oldest and best-known literacy collections. Includes an excellent introductory article on selecting adult interest/low reading level materials.

Cook, Wanda Dauksza. Adult Literacy Education in the United States. Newark, DE: International Reading Association, 1977.

A summary of the history of adult literacy education in the United States from 1900 to the present. Each chapter covers a ten-year period and includes information on social climate, programs, legislation, and methods and materials.

Eberle, Anne, and Sandra Robinson. The Adult Illiterate Speaks Out: Personal Perspectives on Learning to Read and Write. Washington, DC: National Institute of Education, September 1980.

The material in this excellent booklet is drawn largely from conversations and interviews with illiterate and formerly illiterate adults in the State Adult Basic Education Program of Vermont. It is an outgrowth of the desire to make available in the print medium the message of the widely used and well done film, "What If You Couldn't Read?" This is good background reading for tutor and librarian alike.

The High Low Report. Monthly.

"For professionals concerned with literature for teenage and adult nonreaders." Published ten times per year, each issue contains a lead article and about twenty reviews. Published by Riverhouse Publications, 20 Waterside Plaza, New York, NY, 10010.

Hunter, Carman St. John, and David Harman. Adult Illiteracy in the United States. New York: McGraw-Hill, 1979.

An excellent overview researched and written with a grant from the Ford Foundation.

Johnson, Laura S. Reading and the Adult Learner. Newark, DE: International Reading Association, 1980.

A collection of IRA covention and journal articles which describe various reading programs for adult learners in the United States. Some of the articles are quite specific and readers will want to read selected articles according to their particular interests.

Kozol, Jonathan. "How We Can Win: A Plan to Reach and Teach Twenty-Five Million Illiterate Adults," Wilson Library Bulletin, June 1980, pp. 640-644.

Adapted from Prisoners of Silence, annotated below.

Kozol, Jonathan. Prisoners of Silence: Breaking the Bonds of Adult Illiteracy in the United States. New York: Continuum, 1980.

Not a rehash of the scope and definitions of adult illiteracy in this country, but rather an impassioned and sympathetic discussion of a possible comprehensive solution.

Lee, Miriam. "The Reading Trap: One Editor's Appraoch," The High Low Report, Oct. 1979, pp. 1-2.

Good suggestions for evaluating materials. Includes an interesting discussion of the "traps" into which authors, editors, reviewers, teachers, and librarians (all of whom are skilled readers) can fall when dealing with books for the reluctant and disabled reader - an important distinction which Ms. Lee makes.

"Literacy Programs, Library," ALA Yearbooks, 1976-1981. Chicago: American Library Association, 1977-1982.

These articles, many of them by Helen Lyman, capsulize library activities and related happenings in the field of adult literacy education during each year covered.

Literacy Volunteers of America, Inc. Bibliography of Basic Materials - Reading, English as a Second Language, Humanities. Syracuse, NY: LVA, 1980.

This lengthy annotated bibliography combines the information formerly published in two titles, Bibliography of Humanistic Reading for Grade Levels 1-8 and Bibliography of Reading Materials for Basic Reading and English as a Second Language. It was designed primarily for use by LVA tutors but will also be of help to librarians in identifying materials to evaluate. Reading levels, as determined by the READ test used by LVA, are given for most titles.

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. Library Materials in Service to the Adult New Reader. Chicago: American Library Association, 1973.

The final report of a study done with a grant from the Office of Education at the University of Wisconsin. This is an important publication by an acknowledged expert and pioneer in the field of library service to the adult new reader.

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. Literacy and the Nation's Libraries. Chicago: American Library Association, 1977.

Aimed primarily at librarians, this book discusses the problem of illiteracy and the role of libraries in the fight for literacy. Included are chapters to aid the librarian in studying her community and planning a literacy program.

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. "Literacy Education as a Library Community Service," Library Trends, Fall 1979, pp. 193-211.

An examination of "the library's role in the literacy education effort as it has emerged during the period from 1955 to 1980."

Lyman, Helen Huguenor. Reading and the Adult New Reader. Chicago: American Library Association, 1976.

Intended as a stimulant and guide, this detailed volume is particularly valuable as background reading for the librarian interested in the adult new reader. Emphasis is on how beliefs, attitudes, and values affect readers and on the specialized reading interests of certain groups. A standard title in the field.

McCallan, Norma J. "Organizing ABE Materials in Libraries," Drexel Library Quarterly, Oct. 1978, pp. 33-42.

Suggestions for displaying, arranging, classifying, cataloging, and using materials.

Nolan, Susanne, and Nan Hawkins. The VITAL Bibliography: A Basic Collection of Books and Learning Materials for an Adult Literacy Program. Bloomington, IN: Monroe County Public Library, 1981.

An extensive annotated bibliography of the materials in the collection which supports the work of this library's VITAL (Volunteers in Tutoring Adult Learners) program. Reading levels, as determined by the Gunning Fog Index, are given for most, but not all, of the titles. Some of the titles require tutor assistance for student use.

Northcutt, Norvel, et. al. Adult Functional Competency: A Summary. Austin, TX: University of Texas at Austin, 1975.

A summary of the Adult Performance Level Project conducted at the University of Texas with a grant from the Office of Education; the purpose of the project was to "specify the competencies which are functional to economic and educational success in today's society and to develop devices for assessing those competencies of the adult population of the United States." It is much discussed in the literature, and its findings have greatly influenced the course of adult basic education in the U.S.

Olsen, Harry, prep. An Annotated Bibliography of Books and Materials for Adult Basic Education Classes with Deaf Students. Washington, D.C.: Gallaudet College, 1978.

This conveniently arranged and well annotated list is useful for selecting materials for the hearing as well as for the deaf.

Pivot: Newsletter of the Reader Development Program of the Free Library of Philadelphia. Bi-monthly except July and August.

Excellent articles and reviews. This is the newsletter of one of the country's premier library service programs for adults with limited reading skills. Available free upon request: Reader Development Program, The Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia, PA, 19103.

Wellborn, Stanley N. "Ahead: A Nation of Illiterates?" U.S. News and World Report, May 17, 1982, pp. 53-57.

A well researched overview of functional illiteracy - broadly and variously defined - in the United States, written for the lay reader. Good introductory reading.

the written word. Monthly.

The purpose of this brief but informative newsletter is "promoting communications in the field of functional illiteracy" among concerned individuals, government institutions, schools, libraries, and social service agencies. Twelve issues for $6.00; available from AAAA Contact Center, P.O. Box 81826, Lincoln, NE 68501-1826.

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